SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY COUNCIL
Wade Smith, MD, PhD – Chair

Minutes
January 24, 2005

Guests: Maxine Papadakis, Gene Washington

The School of Medicine Faculty Council convened at 3:40 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2005 in Room S30. A quorum was present.

Granting of Posthumous Degree

The Council considered a proposal to award a posthumous MD degree to Farhad Naji, who passed away in August, 2004. M. Papadakis informed the Council that Mr. Naji was a student in good standing in the MD/DDS program. Following extensive discussion, the Council agreed to approve the granting of the posthumous degree pending approval from student representatives from Mr. Naji’s class.

The Council will further consider ways in which its bylaws may be modified to establish a process and criteria for the awarding of future posthumous degrees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2004 were approved with no changes.

Chair’s Report

None.

APB Report

None.

Parity Between Clinical and Basic Research at UCSF
Gene Washington – Executive Vice-Chancellor

EVC Washington provided the Council with general remarks on the development of clinical research at UCSF. He noted that while clinical researchers are in need of more “dry” space for their work, space is limited and its allocation will continue to be an issue of critical importance as planning for new development at Mission Bay proceeds. Issues surrounding the creation of more “dry” space include the cost of refurbishing “wet” lab space and the challenges of financing development of new facilities. EVC Washington further noted that department chairs have historically played a key role in the allocation of
space and the promotion of clinical research. He encouraged the Council to work with department chairs in discussing clinical research space allocation needs and suggested that the Council communicate to campus and Medical Center leadership its support of the ongoing development of clinical research.

**Restrictions of Research Funding at UCSF**

At the request of UC Senate Chair George Blumenthal, each of the ten UC campuses will provide feedback to the Academic Council regarding the University Committee on Research Policy [Resolution on Restrictions on Research Funding Sources](#). UCSF Senate Chair, Leonard Zegans established a task force to provide recommendations relating to this resolution. This task force is comprised of members from the committees on Academic Freedom, Academic Planning and Budget, and Research and the faculty councils of each of the four schools, with Committee on Research representative, Kit Chesla, serving as chair. Quinn Cheng is representing the Council on the task force.

At the request of the task force, Council members considered the resolution and deliberated as to whether to recommend that it be accepted, modified, or rejected. The Committee identified several key issues:

The resolution prohibits any unit within the University from adopting a policy restricting funding from a particular source. Should the resolution be rejected and individual units allowed to restrict research funding sources, the academic freedom of faculty members could potentially be compromised in instances where a faculty member’s only appointment is with a single department as opposed to faculty members who might also have appointments in a Center or Organized Research Unit (ORU). If the Center or ORU were to adopt a policy to restrict funding from a particular source, a faculty member would be able to terminate their relationship with the Center or Unit, and still retain their departmental affiliation. The reverse would not be true and it would be impossible to renounce departmental membership. Committee members expressed concerned that faculty who may not be in agreement with such a policy would not have recourse to remove themselves from the department and would be obliged to accept a policy with which they do not agree.

Following extensive discussion of these three issues, the Committee agreed to recommend that the resolution be approved. However, Council members will recommend that investigators considering accepting funding from the tobacco industry be provided with a white paper detailing the past history of the industry’s interaction with universities.

**CCEP Report**

None.

**GME Report**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Old Business**

None.
The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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