Report for the Clinical Affairs Committee from the Executive Committee Meeting on May 15, 2006
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Key Points

1. UCSF may not benefit from the $8,000,000,000 state windfall. The bulk of educational funds appear to be directed to primary and undergraduate facilities.

2. Reimbursement issues for the faculty, clinical and otherwise, is unresolved and being addressed now.

3. David Gardner and Deborah Greenspan met with Dean Kessler and CEO Mark Laret about the role that the CAC should play. They felt that the CAC lacked focus and tended to simply whine about problems the leadership already recognized and were trying to address. They suggested that the CAC would gain validity by formulating possible solutions to the problems being raised. It was suggested that a representative of the CAC might attend the meetings of the UCSF Medical Board or meet regularly with Ernie Ring (if they can’t come to our meetings, maybe we should go to theirs!).

4. A major issue of academic freedom was raised when it was learned that researchers receiving federal funds to study AIDS in third world countries (or elsewhere) have to exclude sex workers from their studies! This is obviously an issue that affects us all and one on which the Academic Senate on all the campuses has to take a stand.

5. The Town Hall meeting with CEO Mark Laret and CMO Ernie Ring was attended by 50-60 faculty. The CEO has established a committee to look at ambulatory care at UCSF from the patient’s stand-point. He now needs to look at it in a formalized way from the faculty standpoint. He is clearly aware that we are losing talented clinical faculty to private community practices, particularly Kaiser Permanente. There will be a follow-up presentation to the School of Medicine Faculty Council on 6/19.

6. All members of the CAC should try to come to the Academic Senate Division Meeting on 6/15.

Respectfully Submitted by Ken Fye, MD