PROPOSED DRAFT VARIANCE FOR SENATE REGULATION 750

ACTION REQUESTED:

That the Academic Senate APPROVE and ADD the following variance to Senate Regulation 750:

2. San Francisco

750. B. Health Sciences Clinical Professors of any rank, Clinical Professors of any rank, Health Sciences Clinical Instructors and Clinical Instructors may give courses of any grade.

*Justification*

Health Sciences Clinical Professors, Health Sciences Clinical Instructors, Clinical Professors and Clinical Instructors (collectively referred to as “UCSF clinical faculty”) are faculty who have appointments at UCSF and who may have professional practices at UCSF or elsewhere, but who also teach courses at UCSF. UCSF clinical faculty provide a necessary and essential component of clinical instruction in all four schools at UCSF.

Clinical faculty titles are described in APM section 278 (Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series) and APM 279 (Clinical Professor Series). These APM sections went into effect on July 1, 2005. Faculty in the Health Sciences Clinical Professor series are salaried appointees in the health sciences who, in addition to teaching may participate in patient care, in University or public service and scholarly or creative activities. Faculty in the Clinical Professor series at UCSF are community volunteer clinicians who regularly teach in the areas of application of clinical patient care. Of particular note is that UCSF faculty with appointments in the Health Sciences Clinical Professor series at 50% or greater, frequently function in a parallel capacity to Ladder Rank, Clinical X or In-Residence (Senate) faculty who, in addition to clinical duties also conduct research, contribute to creative scholarly activities, publish and participate in Senate, University and public service. Faculty in the Health Science Clinical Professor with appointments of 50% or less, Clinical Professor, Health Science Clinical Instructor or Clinical Instructor series, at UCSF also contribute substantially to teaching at UCSF and may also contribute to clinical, research or other creative work, much like adjunct professors who contribute primarily to teaching and have a limited responsibility for research or other creative work.

Senate Regulation 750, which lists eligible teaching titles, was enacted prior to July 1, 2005, and does not include either the Health Science Clinical Faculty or the Clinical Faculty titles. Therefore, in order to comply with existing Senate Regulations, the Committee on Courses of Instruction must approve each clinical faculty member as an instructor of record on an exceptional basis when courses are submitted and taught by UCSF clinical faculty. Because UCSF clinical faculty are such a large and essential component of the teaching faculty at UCSF, the Committee regularly must take additional exceptional actions when considering courses for approval. Since the Committee is not aware of a single instance in which it has rejected a request for a clinical faculty member to teach a course, and given the unique and essential
function which UCSF clinical faculty has with respect to teaching operations, the Committee seeks approval of the recommended variance. The Committee strongly believes that approval of this variance will not only increase efficiency and improve the practices of the Committee’s work, but will also acknowledge the substantial role of the teaching responsibilities of the UCSF clinical faculty and at the same time decrease the number additional actions the Committee must take to grant exceptions for courses taught by UCSF clinical faculty.

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