The Academic Senate Coordinating Committee
David Gardner, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Tuesday, February 12, 2008


GUESTS: None.

Chair Gardner called the meeting of the Coordinating Committee to order on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 8:35 A.M. in Room S-30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Gardner reported on the following topics:

• Highlights from the Academic Assembly meeting, which primarily focused on the Governor’s budget cuts. Agenda for and actions from this meeting are available online at http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/assembly/. The initiative for faculty salary increases and graduate student support are likely to be held back for the time being are viewed as being in jeopardy due to the state budget crisis. There is some discussion of limiting enrollment as a response to the state funding cuts. This is not a popular idea among the Council, but UCOP will no longer support per-capita over-enrollment as it has done in the past.
• Systemwide issues exist regarding the working relationship between and communication among the Regents, UCOP, and the Academic Senate.
• Critical Report from the WASC Special Visit Team. (And related coverage in the San Francisco Chronicle.) These issues may have a negative trickle down affect on recruiting the new UC President.,
• As more cuts are levied on the UC budget, an increase to the student fees is expected.
• Assembly’s Resolution on Limiting UC’s Role in Manufacturing Nuclear Weapons, memo from the Assembly to President Dynes.
• Deborah Greenspan gave a brief summary of the meeting of UCSF Senate leadership with Chair of the Regents Richard Blum.

Report on the Creation of a UC School of Global Health—Nina Agabian

There have been several retreats and the proposal for a system-wide UC School of Global Health is expected to be completed some time in May. Subsequently, campuses will be asked to submit proposals for Centers of Expertise. Campuses will also compete to house the center for the system-wide school. While it is hoped that the University can demonstrate the benefit of such a statewide school to its citizens for adequate funding, industry, and the Gates Foundation in particular, are interested in supporting this initiative financially. This initiative is leveraging “The Power of Ten,” building on the benefit of cooperation of the ten UC campuses.

Reports from Committee Chairs:

Committee Chairs were asked to briefly report on the issues and activities of their Committees.

Academic Freedom
The task force reviewing grant cost overruns is ongoing and is being chaired by the representative of Academic Freedom.

Academic Personnel
The recipients of this year’s Distinction In Teaching Awards are Bradley Sharpe and Brian Schmidt.

Academic Planning and Budget
K. Chesla noted the tragic loss of APB Chair Jack Rodnick. There will be a memorial service March 2, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in Toland Hall.

The Committee is currently focusing on the availability of bridge funding for faculty across the different schools, monitoring the plans and development of the clinical simulation center, and investigating the communication within the schools regarding the implementation of the salary scale increases.

Clinical Affairs
The Committee has been focusing on issues related to program planning and clinical planning of the proposed new hospital. The CAC has managed to get representation on an operations subcommittee to resolve some of these issues before they become practical problems. CAC has also secured representation on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Medical Center.

The Committee is also focusing on the description or definition of the patient population for UCSF—a mission statement as to the population it intends to serve, including a review of such policies at other campuses. Other topics include issues related to volunteer clinical faculty, including a better means of providing malpractice insurance.

Committee on Committees
Steve Kayser reported that the Call for Academic Service was issued yesterday. UCSF needs a delegate to the next Assembly meeting as the Chair and the Vice Chair are unavailable.
Courses of Instruction
COCOI has been working closely with OAAIS to create an online system of course submission and approval.

Educational Policy
The Committee has been focusing on initiatives supporting inter-disciplinary education and cooperation. The Committee has also been reviewing a number of systemwide proposals related to educational policy, including international education and enrollment policies.

Equal Opportunity
No report.

Faculty Welfare
No report.

Graduate Council
The Graduate Council approved a program for a Master of Dental Hygiene degree in the School of Dentistry.

Library
The Library Committees system-wide will be changing their name to be in line with its modern charge to the “Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication.” In the coming year, the Committee will be reviewing contract changes with Elsevier. The Committee supports faculty contribution to open access venues, which is now consistent with NIH policy.

The Library Committee is also heavily involved with the repurposing of the second floor for the clinical simulation center.

Privilege and Tenure
The Committee is currently reviewing three active grievance cases.

Committee on Research
No report.

Rules and Jurisdiction
The Committee has had no business to review with year, with the exception of the name change for the Committee on Library to become the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication.

School of Dentistry Faculty Council
Ongoing search for a new Dean. The search committee has been conducting “airport interviews.”

School of Medicine Faculty Council
The School of Medicine Faculty Council has been focusing on issues related to the Medical Center. The search committee for the Dean of the School of Medicine has been appointed.
School of Nursing Faculty Council
The School of Nursing is undergoing a curriculum review.

School of Pharmacy Faculty Council
The School of Pharmacy is currently undergoing re-accreditation.

Chair Gardner noted that the task force reviewing the proposed new Department of Emergency Medicine is continuing its work and there are issues yet to be resolved. This is not a “done deal” and is a work in progress.

Chair Gardner also noted that a Senate Task Force on Sustainability will be launched in the next several weeks and will be cooperating with the campus-wide sustainability group under Steve Barclay.

Chair Gardner adjourned the meeting at 10:27 A.M.