The Academic Senate Coordinating Committee  
David Gardner, MD, Chair

MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 15, 2008

PRESENT:  

ABSENT:  
A. Alkon, B. Aouizerat, , P. Calarco, , E. Foster, S. Hawgood, M.A. Koda-Kimble, M. Kupperman, R. Newcomer, M. Walsh

GUESTS:  
John Maa, Member of the Task Force Task Force to Review the Proposal for a New Department of Emergency Medicine; Michael Callaham, Member of the Department of Medicine, Potential Member of the Department of Emergency Medicine; Daniel Weiss, UCSF Representative to BOARS (Boards of Admissions and Relations with Schools)

Chair Gardner called the meeting of the Coordinating Committee to order on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 8:35 A.M. in Room S-30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes  
The minutes from the February 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

Chair’s Report  
Chair Gardner reported on highlights from the Academic Council meeting (this month’s Academic Assembly meeting was canceled):

- Discussion of the search and appointment of the new UC President. There was some disappointment and frustration with the mechanics of the search, but the Academic Council believes that the appointment is a good one.
- R. Dynes presented (in absentia) a draft of his report on The Power of Ten. Copies will be available via the Senate office.
- Katherine Lapp, UC’s Executive Vice President for Business Operations reported on the budget but there is no news.
- Discussion of increased enrollment versus budget cuts.
- Other topics included faculty and staff salary increases and graduate student support.
• UCOP is enacting significant cuts approaching $56MM: $30MM in pure reductions and $26MM in transfers.

Chair Gardner also reported on the following topics:

• Larry Pitts has been honored with the Oliver Johnston Award for his outstanding service to the Academic Senate.
• The Distinction In Teaching Award Ceremony will be Wednesday, April 16, 2008 (tomorrow) at noon in Cole Hall. Honorees are Bradley Sharpe and Brian Schmidt.
• The Faculty Research Lecture, given by Gail Martin, will be next Tuesday, also in Cole Hall at noon.

Report from the Task Force to Review Faculty Reimbursement of Grant Cost Overruns—Miriam Kuppermann

Mirrian Kupperman reported from the Task Force to Review Faculty Reimbursement of Grant Cost Overruns. The findings and recommendations of the task force are presented in their report, attached as Attachment 1. The fundamental underlying issue is the capability of faculty to be able to track accounting accurately, but the accounting systems in place are inefficient at best.

The Senate discussed potential actions the Senate can take to address this issue. Possible recommendations include additional and formal training for new PIs, a “Bill of Rights” for investigators to protect the innocent and discourage abuses, and accurate monthly reporting to PIs.

Motion: The Coordinating Committee shall send the report from the Task Force to Review Faculty Reimbursement of Grant Cost Overruns to the Chancellor and the Executive Vice Provost with a cover communication from the Senate Chair requesting review.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Task Force to Review the Proposal for a New Department of Emergency Medicine—John Maa, Member of the Task Force, and Michael Callaham of the proposed Department of Emergency Medicine

John Maa reported from the Task Force to Review the Proposal for a New Department of Emergency Medicine. Michael Callaham was also present to address any questions of the Committee. The recommendations of the task force are presented in their report, attached as Attachment 2.

The Committee discussed various issues including:
• The role of MSPs (Medical Staff Physicians) in the department
• Leadership changes at the San Francisco General Hospital and the search for a new Director of Emergency Medicine at SFGH
• Other departments of Emergency Medicine within UC and across the country
• Research programs expected to be set up within this department
• Research and residency space to be assigned to this department
• Financial implications of the faculty and staff composition

**Motion:** The Coordinating Committee shall accept the report and recommendations of the Task Force to Review the Proposal for a New Department of Emergency Medicine and recommend divisional approval of the proposal for New Department of Emergency Medicine.

**Vote:** Motion carried with 16 in favor and one abstention.

**Update Regarding BOARS’ revised “Proposal to Reform UC’s Freshman Eligibility Policy”—Daniel Weiss**

As the UCSF representative to BOARS (Boards of Admissions and Relations with Schools), Daniel Weiss addressed the Committee and gave an update and summary to the systemwide revised “Proposal to Reform UC’s Freshman Eligibility Policy” (Attachment 3). D. Weiss provided a handout of slides summarizing the salient issues and changes being put forth in this revised proposal (Attachment 6).

Chair Gardner informally polled the Committee for their level of support

**Motion:** To support the proposed BOARS’ revised “Proposal to Reform UC’s Freshman Eligibility Policy.”

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously

**Update Regarding Final WASC Report**

Chair Gardner provided the Committee with additional information regarding the impact of the final WASC Report on UCOP (Attachment 4), and presented an article from the March 3, 2008 issue of *Inside Higher Ed* regarding the WASC report entitled “At U. of California, a Systematic Governance Crisis” (Attachment 5).

**Reports from Committee Chairs:**

Time constraints precluded Committee reports.

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