Chair Agabian called the School of Dentistry Faculty Council to order at 8:11 am in Room S-30.

Minutes
The minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting were approved as amended.

Chair’s Report
Chair Agabian made these announcements:
♣ She welcomed Lenoire Pereira, the Cell and Tissue Biology representative along with Nathan Granillo, the Associated Dental Students Representative, to the meeting.
♣ Called attention to the Dental School’s commitment to serving the underserved population and how this should be made more visible to the public. She suggested having Francisco Ramos-Gomez speak on this topic. The Council engaged in extensive discussion regarding the numerous ways the school serves the special needs population. Chair Agabian then suggested forming a working group to look at the way we serve these populations, and ways to make these efforts more known to the campus community. Dean Featherstone asked that the findings be fed back to him and Bill Bird.
♣ Council Member Peter Loomer was charged with drafting some guidelines to planning the Annual Faculty Retreat.

Dean’s Report
Dean Featherstone reported that implementation of the Pipeline Two externship funds is completed. He also noted that the search for a dean is underway – the Search Committee has had two meetings and has selected a firm to assist with the search.

Student Representative Report
N. Granillo reported that earlier concerns regarding production are diminishing.

New Program in Dental Hygiene
M. Walsh presented a new interdisciplinary program that would lead to a Masters of Science in Dental Hygiene. The program would be housed in the department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences. The over arching goal is to prepare graduates to engage in interdisciplinary evidence-based problem solving related to oral disease prevention and health promotion across the lifespan to improve oral health in various populations. She pointed out the shortage of dental hygiene educators due to the high number of retirees and the low number of scholars being produced. There is also an increase in demand for dental hygienists.

M. Walsh then reviewed history, support, curriculum, courses, oral qualifying exam, field work, and the comprehensive examination of this program.

A motion to support the Masters of Science in Dental Hygiene Program was carried by the majority.

**Outstanding Clinician Award**

F. Finzen reported that most have expressed their support for such an award. He would like to develop a planning committee with representation from all departments to determine the requirements of such an award, the venue, and whether or not to combine this award with Research Day.

F. Finzen and P. Loomer will work together to form an exploratory committee. Vice Chair Shiboski will be the Faculty Council representative.

**Departmental Reports**

**Cell and Tissue Biology**

No report.

**Oral and Maxillofacial Sciences**

♣ J. Lee reported that students mentored by Faculty in OMFS won the first and second awards at RD.
♣ At the recent meeting in Hawaii, UCSF was recognized as the leading OMFS program in the country.

**Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences**

♣ The PRDS retreat will be held on October 17th.
♣ In order to address the shortage of faculty, three new faculty members are being added. Their paperwork is in process.

**Orofacial Sciences.**

♣ The report on the Chair search has been submitted by the search committee to Dean Featherstone.
♣ In the Division of Orthodontics:
  o The new faculty member Maria Orellana started July 1, and is currently doing the Advanced Training in Clinical Research
  o Negotiations are in progress for the second faculty position in Orthodontics

**Committee Reports.**

**Admissions**

No report.
Academic Planning and Budget.
No report.

Educational Policy Committee
No report.

There being no further business, Chair Agabian adjourned the meeting at 9:02am.
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