School of Dentistry Faculty Council  
Caroline Shiboski, DDS, PhD, Chair  

MINUTES  
Thursday, December 18, 2008  

PRESENT:  
Caroline Shiboski (Chair), Nina Agabian, John Featherstone, Fritz Finzen, Stuart Gansky, Peter Loomer, Pamela DenBesten, Ram Vaderhobli, Arndt Klocke, Sheila Brear, Janice Lee  

ABSENT:  

GUEST:  
Dorothy Perry, Associate Dean for Education  

The School of Dentistry Faculty was called to order by Chair Shiboski on December 18, 2008 at 8:03 a.m. in room D-3209. A quorum was present.  

Approval of the September 18, 2008 Minutes  
Minutes from the meeting of September 18, 2008 were approved unanimously.  

Chair’s Report  
Chair Shiboski made these announcements:  

1) At the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee, it was announced that Search Committee for the Chancellor has been set. There will be a representative from each School. The School of Dentistry Representative is Richard Jordan. As of December 2, there was no word on the selection of a Dean for the School of Medicine.  

2) At the Academic Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Budget, Eric Vermillion, Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance gave the Committee an overview of the budget process.  

Dean’s Report  
Searches  
Dean Featherstone gave an update on ongoing searches in the school. The searches for Associate Deans of Hospital Affairs, Research, and Global Health will begin early in the new year. All searches will be internal.  

Budget  
The University is looking at a budget cut of 7.5%. It is anticipated that within the next 3 years, there will be another 7% cut. This comes to a $3M shortfall per year which translates into faculty and staff salaries. The Deans and senior Vice Chancellors have been meeting every week and have developed eight guidelines for how the money will be cut across campus. This group has been divided into three groups focusing on:  

1. Revenue Generation  
2. Administrative and Business Efficiencies  
The Chancellor will be sending out a brief statement regarding the budget. Dean Featherstone will send out a similar message to the school. On January 14, there will be an emergency faculty meeting regarding the budget cuts.

**Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation**

D. Perry gave an overview of the upcoming WASC Accreditation. The accreditation will only cover the Graduate Division. This process occurs every 10 years and is necessary in order to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education. The three themes for the review are:

- **Theme 1 – Learning Environment**
  - “What are the optimal organizational structures to sustain and promote excellence in teaching and learning in our academic health sciences environment?”

- **Theme 2 – Student Learning Outcomes**
  - “What are the optimal curricular structures to effectively prepare students for contemporary challenges in the health professions?”

- **Theme 3 – Diversity**
  - “What are the optimal strategies to enhance campus wide diversity of faculty, trainees, and staff and to promote inclusiveness of all backgrounds and perspectives?”

**Information Technology**

The IT situation is in dire straits. The proposal that the consultants submitted is for a very large sum of money. It was to be rolled out this fiscal year. Due to budget crunch, the entire proposal will have to be revisited.

**Associate Deans for Hospital Affairs, Research, and Global Health**

A major issue raised at the the leadership retreat was need to promote and foster patient care. To address this need, the School will create and recruit the position of an Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs. Since John Greenspan will be stepping down as Associate Dean for Research, that position will be searched, too. Lastly, there will be a search for an Associate Dean for Global Health.

**Student Report – Nick Burgon**

N. Burgon made these announcements:

- The campus organization fair was a success
- D3 elections are complete.
- The student budget is finalized. Most of the budget is spent on sending students to conferences. This year, ADS is limiting this cost to only 40% of the budget.
- Student leaders met to discuss the auto-enrollment proposal. The leaders agreed unanimously against auto-enroll.
- The ADS is looking to increase communication and participation with alumni. They are working on putting together activities to bring everyone together.
- The student lounge is being redecorated.

**Follow-up on Clinical Research Lecture Day**

Generally, the feedback from the Clinical Research Lecture Day was positive. The concept of having a dentist speaking was impressive to many of the faculty. Faculty were also impressed by the level of presentations from the students. N. Agabian suggested taking this to a new level and inviting alumni/donors.

**Mentoring Update – Janice Lee**

J. Lee reported that students are grateful and the faculty are excited about the mentorship program. Most of the faculty have already met with their mentors. She is still working on trying to get a mentor night off of the ground. The goal is to try to illustrate to the students that there is much more to the dental school than just the clinics. This would be a great way to segue the students into their summer research programs.
Faculty Retreat Summary
This event also garnered a lot of positive feedback. The summary is quite long so it is being edited before distribution. There was very strong support for high-end student programs. Attendance was remarkable.

For next year, Dean Featherstone suggested having a mid-year (February) event spanning only a half a day focusing on strategic planning.

Departmental Reports
Cell and Tissue Biology
CTB’s search for a new Department Chair continues.

Oral and Maxillofacial Sciences
The GPR full time position has been filled by Sophia Saeed.

Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences
Bill Bird will be putting on a series of town hall meetings to deal with budget situation. Implant program for dental students is still pending.

Orofacial Sciences
Ophir Klein will be spearheading grand rounds.

Committee Reports
Admissions
The admissions process is moving along. So far, 60 students have been accepted. There is some concern over the dearth of URM candidates, but the Committee is pushing hard to recruit a diverse student body.

Academic Planning and Budget
No report.

Education Policy Committee
No report.

Scholarship Committee
No report.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

There being no further business, Chair Shiboski adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

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