A topicClinical Affairs Committee
Brad Hare, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday, March 24, 2010

PRESENT: Brad Hare (Chair), Steve Pletcher (Vice Chair), Shoshana Arai, Karen Duderstadt, Marcus Ferrone, Mehran Hosseini

ABSENT: Chris Barton, Christine Cheng, John Feiner, Ruth Goldstein, Amy Houtrow, Susan Janson, Brent Lin, Max Meng, David Morgan

The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chair Hare on January 27, 2010 at 4:41 p.m. in room S 30. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2010 Meeting
Minutes were approved as written by those members present. Other members will review and approve via email.

Chair’s Announcements
Chair Hare advised committee members that the letter of support to Michael Kamerick, Academic Research Systems, OAAIS, went out in February.

Based on the feedback provided and the several follow-up visited Michael conducted to CAC members’ offices, he has offered to return in the spring 2010 to provide overall updates. Chair Hare and Analyst Cleaver will see if such an update would be helpful to CAC members in May or June 2010.

Coordinating Committee Update:
The committee heard a presentation on Library issues by COLASC Vice Chair Richard Schneider. Later during today’s meeting, CAC will discuss and review COLASC’s proposal on Mission Bay library space issues.

There is a forthcoming presentation on Post-Employment Benefits on April 23, 2010 at 11:30am-1:30pm in Cole Hall for current staff and faculty; for retired faculty and staff, the presentation is at Laurel Heights on the same day, at the same time. These will be recorded by UCSF and available at a later date via an online link, for those unable to attend due to clinic duties or otherwise.

Current Issues and/or Topics Among Clinicians
Chair Hare went over upcoming agenda items and also inquired of other topics:

1. What is the projected impact of the Chancellor’s plans on clinical faculty? Is there anything that we should do to bring forth issues from clinicians to the Chancellor? She’s very connected to the various deans and the medical center—but does she understand clinicians’ concerns (as they cross over school and research lines)? What are our concerns and the Chancellor’s plans for
clinicians? Chair Hare commented on the Chancellor’s presentation to SOM Faculty Council where she discussed long-range development plans including having a business plan for the campus that matches that of its strategic plan. There is much still in the planning stages.

a. Analyst Cleaver suggested a survey to heads of clinical services to inquire of significant issues and then specific solutions to those or other issues? Analyst Cleaver will locate the previous clinical survey (2002-2003) conducted to see if issues raised there have been tackled, or remain. If a new survey is in order, she will work with Mark Laret, CMO, UCSF Medical Center, to determine the right recipients. CAC will need to further review results to see what is important and crucial and what isn't. The end creation is of a letter to the UCSF Academic Senate Chair and then onward to the Chancellor addressing those clinical issues.

2. Faculty Exit Survey: CAC members requested Cynthia Leathers and Sally Marshall attend a CAC meeting to discuss larger issues behind why the survey is on hold. If furloughs are the reason, CAC members feel strongly that it should be sent out—that furloughs are simply a ‘final straw’ point to larger issues. If the issue is more of staffing, CAC members still encourage the Academic Affairs office to send out the Faculty Exit Survey when able.

Discussion of COLASC Letter Regarding Library Space at Mission Bay
Chair Hare led the discussion focusing on how clinicians use libraries. Overall, CAC members supported the proposal as written but wanted COLASC to focus on the following when taking the proposal into development:

1. Expanding the library space at Mission Bay, especially the creation of and use of small conference rooms. Clinicians use such rooms 24/7 for case conferencing as well as for trainee meetings. As clinical services migrate to Mission Bay, the creation of a 24/7 access space, which includes conference rooms, is vital to clinicians. At present, planning for Mission Bay Hospital has allocated few such rooms and CAC members envision the library being used, in some minor capacity, in this manner when the hospital opens.

2. Separate access to a 24/7 library space with journals is crucial for late hours research to address needs related to immediate patient care. While much of that is handled via the internet, ongoing UCSF library issues with journal reduction, including online access, has made the availability of older journals in hard copy form all the more valuable.

At Mission Bay campus, the Ortho Clinic has opened and they’re currently seeing patients. Additional clinics are scheduled to open later on this year.

ACTION: Analyst Cleaver will draft the communication from CAC to COLASC and provide to the committee for review, prior to sending.

Reports from the Schools

Medicine
Chancellor spoke at the last SOM FC meeting of her long-term plans and focus on centralizing administrative functions.

Nursing
Grim budget issues have affected the morale of the school. If some grant applications don't come through, cuts for staff and faculty are forthcoming. The current Dean is stepping down in July; a new Dean search is being chaired by SOM Chair Hawgood. They intend to have that person in place prior to July. There is clinician representation on the dean’s search committee.
**Dentistry**
None.

**Pharmacy**
Dean Koda-Kimble received the Remington Award, the highest award you can receive in pharmacy. Two new faculty are being hired.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
None.

Chair Hare adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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