Clinical Affairs Committee
Brad Hare, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

PRESENT: Brad Hare (Chair), Steve Pletcher (Vice Chair), Shoshana Arai, Christine Cheng, Karen Duderstadt, John Feiner, Marcus Ferrone, Ruth Goldstein, Mehran Hossaini, Amy Houtrow, Shelley Hwang, Susan Janson, Brent Lin, Max Meng

ABSENT: Chris Barton, David Morgan

GUEST: Manuel Pardo, MD, Faculty Director, Kanbar Simulation Center

The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chair Hare on May 26, 2010 at 4:36 p.m. in room S 30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2010 Meeting
Minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting were approved. (Attachment 1)

Chair’s Announcements
Chair Hare made these announcements from the last Academic Senate Coordinating Committee Meeting:

• Chair Fuentes-Aflick reported that the budget cuts are slated to be 15% instead of the projected 25%. In order to offset these costs, the Senate Office may have to cut service stipends. Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP) Chair Steve Kahl expressed his concern that lack of stipends will severely impair recruitment and retention of quality CAP members. Several faculty echoed that sentiment. Other possibilities for cuts include Academic Senate research grants or Senate staff. Chair Fuentes-Aflick assured the members that such measures would not be taken without careful consideration.
  o After discussion of these possibilities, the Committee moved to and unanimously approved a motion stating that amidst the budget cuts, stipends for committee chairs with lower time commitments should be voluntarily relinquished.
• The Academic Senate Division Meeting will be held on June 10, 2010, 3:30-5:00 in N217.

Presentation on the Kanbar Simulation Center – Manuel Pardo, MD, Faculty Director, Kanbar Simulation Center
M. Pardo provided an overview of the Kanbar Simulation Center, which will create a centralized learning center where health professions students develop competence in clinical procedures, physical exam skills, communication and team skills, and telemedicine consultation and presentation skills. (Attachment 2)

School of Dentistry Faculty Development Program – Mehran Hossaini, DMD
M. Hossaini engaged the Committee in a discussion regarding faculty development given that most schools and departments are dealing with similar issues.
He outlined three issues specific to the School of Dentistry:

1. Advanced training is virtually non-existent. He hopes that the proposed advanced training modules associated with the new simulation center will require periodic retesting of faculty.
2. There is no formalized school-wide quality assurance program as there are too many independent endeavors.
3. There is very little collaboration with other schools.

Proposed areas for creating faculty development include:

1. Calibration of teaching methodology in order to find ways where students are exposed to standard methods of training in both the clinical and teaching settings.
2. Using the Kanbar Center to develop internal training systems, including team training. Right now, most people work in isolation and there is a real push to move towards collaborative work environments.

Reports from the Schools

**Medicine**
The last meeting focused on the report from the Commission on the Future. A. Houtrow, who represents CAC on the Task Force reported that the most clinically relevant issue falls within the Size and Shape workgroup in terms of examining the utility of practice doctorates for allied health professions in terms of national health care quality and costs, UC and CSU missions, and the future needs of California residents. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that the ‘ship has sailed’ for practice doctorates. Regardless, it is important to know how these programs affect clinical outcomes, especially since there are few guidelines for training in these programs. Other issues included quality, variability and cost. If outcomes are not improved, additional years of training without benefit are burdensome and costly to the system. The Committee emphasized the value of ‘science’ doctoral level training within the UCs. Lastly, there are major issues about the relationship of those with practice doctorates to physicians regarding independence and autonomy.

A. Houtrow and Analyst Patel will work together to relay these concerns to the Task Force.

**Pharmacy**
None.

**Dentistry**
See discussion led by Dr. Hossaini above,

**Nursing**
The School is still reviewing curriculum and recently held a retreat. The focus is whether or not the school is achieving the necessary competencies.

The Dean search is ongoing and it is anticipated that there will be a new dean in the fall.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
Chair Hare encouraged members to consider serving as Vice Chair next year.

There being no further business, Chair Hare adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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