Clinical Affairs Committee
Brad Hare, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday, September 23, 2009

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

ABSENT: Chris Barton, Max Meng, David Morgan

The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chair Hare on September 23, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in room S 30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2009 Meeting
The minutes were approved. They will be posted to the Academic Senate website by the Senate office.

Chair’s Report
Chair Hare spoke to the charge given to the committee by the UCSF Academic Senate.

The Committee is seeking a member to attend the Monday evening (Parnassus) Clinical Chairs Committee; neither Chair Hare nor Vice Chair Pletcher can attend due to clinical duties. Members will check their schedules and advise if they can attend.

Chair Hare provided an update on the Coordinating Committee meeting including Faculty Welfare areas of interest: (1) childcare; (2) lactation facilities esp. at new women’s/children’s center at MB; (3) unionization of post-docs; (4) UC Retirement plan—open sessions 10/21 & 10/22 with UCOP at UCSF; (5) furloughs.

Reports from the Schools
Medicine
Chair Hare provided an overview on the SOM Faculty Council and the issues they will be exploring this academic year, including IT and morale of faculty due to furloughs.

Nursing
Committee member Susan Janson provided an overview on the SON Faculty Council, including how the budget crisis is affecting it and ensuing morale issues. Things the school is exploring in light of a $1M shortfall including all or some of the following: further layoffs of both staff and faculty, consolidating courses, interdisciplinary education, refocusing at a national level (competencies-focus v. objective-focus).

The school is also beginning a curriculum revision that will include a re-direction much like what SOM did five years ago.
Dentistry
Mehran Hossaini provided an overview on SOD Faculty Council. Their postdoctoral clinic has actually increased 10% although there is a concern that temporary cuts will become permanent. Faculty retention is also a growing issue. Curriculum has been changed significantly over the past year for upper classmen, including electronic delivery (podcasts). The SIM Center is back online and will go live to students in 2011. Support of the Pharmacy school is still under question in re their oversight of SOD medication ordering for SOP; this was determined as being an ‘out of compliance’ issue so has been stopped.

Pharmacy
The school is examining curriculum and moving toward a blended style, having students do homework in advance. The Clinical Learning Center assists with this. They are also examining how to support clinical education in this same manner.

Planning the Committee’s work for 2009-2010
The Committee opted to explore the following core issues throughout the year:

IT & Clinical Care
With the shelving of UCare, what is the new system and how will it be implemented. The Committee will invite Michael Blum or Russ Cucina to speak. If neither are available, Josh Adler is another choice. As the SOM Faculty Council is also exploring this, perhaps CAC will explore having a joint meeting with SOM Faculty Council. It is also unclear what is going to happen with the UCare store---if it's possible to migrate to a new system. This may be but a strong priority is to have all the old data merged into the new system. The goal is to have one system that works and coordinates with all the programs.

The Committee hopes to get someone from CAC on the decision-committees for the new system, so as to more fully address clinical concerns.

Research
As an offshoot of the IT question, the Committee wants to explore how will clinical data be stored, used, and shared with researchers going forward. The Committee felt the only benefit to having researchers merge with clinicians is the huge amount of clinical data available to them by doing so.

Furlough Impact
The Committee will determine down the road whether it wants to take an active or a passive surveillance role on the impact of furloughs. Of utmost importance is to examine the impact on clinical services and on morale. Also ensuring that furloughs don’t last beyond the one year mark.

CAC is interested in partnering with the Committee on Faculty Welfare to conduct a survey on the hidden cost of furlough implementation and morale, especially with the issue of perceived value/discrimination (i.e., ‘if you had grants and weren’t clinical educators, then you wouldn’t be affected by furloughs’).

Mission Bay Hospital Planning
The Committee will extend invitations to Elena Gates and Cindy Lim to continue with the development of clinical services at Mission Bay Hospital. The planning is still focused on buildings/structures and not on process; CAC will stay focused on process and clinical care, including how all of the services will engage together at a multi-campus level.

Standard questions like: where are the physician offices going to be? How will we deal with the shift in care from Parnassus to MB? CAC would like an initial presentation and then have them return in Spring 2010 to update.
Strategic Plan of the Medical Center
The Committee would like an update from the Chairs’ Committee to determine the status of the revamped policies in re seeing out-of-county MediCal patients. While not as strict as the UCDavis policy, the revised UCSF one has been determined by each department rather than UCSF as a whole. Also to be explored is the referrals issue within UCSF (speeding up delivery of them). David Morgan and also John Maa, who sat on the Medical Center Strategic Plan Steering committee, should come and update the committee on both aspects.

Curriculum Development for Faculty/Faculty Development
The Committee would like to explore continuing education for faculty to teach each other and teach themselves. Of interest is how can technology be used to this benefit? Committee members will do informational sharing with a focus on technology as an avenue for educating faculty and clinicians.

Demise of the Brown & Toland/Hill Physician Partnership
The Committee would like to know will impact clinical services and UCSF in general. Invitations to present will be extended to both Josh Adler and David Morgan.

Old Business
Chair Hare recommended committee members review the Annual Report 2008-2009.

Chair Hare also commented on the Faculty Exit Survey. It has been taken over by Sally Marshall’s office (Academic Affairs). In three to six months, CAC will request a report back from them based on the raw data.

New Business
None.

Chair Hare adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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