Committee on Educational Policy
Thomas Kearney, PharmD, Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday, January 13, 2010

PRESENT: Thomas Kearney (Chair), Peter Loomer (Vice Chair), Gail Persily, Sophia Saeed, Doug Schmucker, Vineeta Singh

ABSENT: Abbey Alkon, Sergio Baranzini, Sheila Brear, Kurt Giles, Harry Hollander, Judy Martin-Holland, Elisabeth Wilson

GUEST: Molly Cooke, Member, Education & Curriculum Working Group, UC Commission on the Future

The Committee on Educational Policy was called to order by Chair Kearney on December 9 at 3:35 p.m. in room S - 30. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2009
The minutes were approved by five CEP members; Analyst Cleaver will obtain approval from other non-present members. Once approved, they will be posted to the CEP page on the Senate website.

Chair Kearney encouraged CEP members to email suggestions on IPE matters to the IPE Task Force which presented in December 2009. The Committee will request a follow-up visit from the task force.

Chair’s Report
Chair Kearney presented on highlights from the Coordinating Committee.

(1) The Committee on Faculty Welfare and the Coordinating Committee have requested full disclosure and transparency about how the Post-Employment Benefits are being structured and what is the definition of them? Larry Pitts is attending the February Faculty Welfare meeting to address these questions.

(2) The Task Force for Recruiting, Retention, and Promotion (Armitage Report, 2005) provided an update. An issue from the original report was the misuse of adjunct faculty--whose job responsibilities were the same as those of senate faculty—but hadn’t been put on the senate track. It has been found that a lot of departments build up faculty in this manner. Going forward, everyone recruited must have a due process to make sure that if they are doing senate-level work with such responsibilities equal—they should be made into senate series. The Task Force report, once final, will be distributed.

(3) UC Commission on the Future liaisons were in attendance. Chair Kearney raised the overriding questions to the CEP—what is the point of it, what is the ultimate goal? And, once final, what do we gain and lose by implementing these changes? Is the intention to create independent sovereign campuses or one central location for all handling everything for all campuses? The Committee will ask Molly Cooke these questions when she arrives.
Presentation on UC Commission on the Future Education & Curriculum Working Group – Molly Cooke, Member, Working Group

Dr. Cooke commented that the timeline is not as firm as posted on the UCOP website. Also, because the focus is so heavily on undergraduate education, it’s been difficult for Dr. Cooke to engage with this Working Group.

The Commission charge is to attempt to balance the tensions that exist in the overall structure of the UC-system. The Commission divided the overall tensions into five categories, which then became Working Groups. The Working Groups initial charge will be finished by June 2010 with report of recommendations to Commission in July 2010. President Yudof wants an even shorter list of actionable recommendations that will also reduce costs by March 2010.

The five subgroups of the Education Curriculum Working Group are:

1. Academic Quality and Educational Effectiveness
2. Curriculum/Course-offering Review
3. Faculty and Use of Instructors
4. Strategies for Reducing Time to Degree
5. Alternative Modes of Delivering Instruction

Dr. Cooke suggested that the definition of academic quality is the bulwark of defense to random class-cutting or other avenues for cost reduction. Dr. Cooke saw one avenue as reducing major study pathways to just a handful of campuses, rather than offer them to all campuses. For example, one suggestion was to reduce Women’s Studies to the top four-five campuses (vs. offering them at every campus). Also, does every campus need a medical school, or research centers, or a law school?

Chair Kearney suggested coming up with a list of matrices that work for each professional school across the campuses to measure success and determine that an adequate education has been met, professionally-speaking. Such matrices could be passed along to the Working Group. Also, CEP members suggested they go to various School Deans and suggest that they collaborate with Deans at sister UC-schools to develop such a matrix. Chair Kearney said they should also look at other private medical schools and measure against them. Dr. Cooke thought that would be a good thing to start doing now although it won’t be on the table for Commission this year.

ACTION: Forward the UCSF CEP letter to the Chair of the Working Group for Education Curriculum. Dr. Cooke agreed to keep UCSF CEP involved in the process and pass any key issues along for consideration.

Updates from the Schools
SON – None.

SOP – Chair Kearney advised that SOP is looking at revised criteria for the PharmD program, in terms of program sequencing and developing competencies. There are some specific prerequisites being implemented at the university-level, prior to application to UCSF’s SOP program.

SOD – None.

SOM—The School of Medicine is in the process of developing matrix/milestones for determining competencies different from prior levels of assessment.
**Update from the Library**

Gail Persily updated the committee on the development of the SIM Center. The library’s second floor is completely closed due to the renovation. Construction will start in February with an open date in 2011. The scope of the project is still anticipated to be a little lower than what was budgeted, due to the economy. Operational costs and sources of funding are still being determined.

First quarter of reduced hours was just completed. The library closes at 10pm (rather than midnight) and is closed on Saturdays. The Library is working on creating a study area which has a separate entrance to the main street—and having this open 24/7.

A complete list of journal cancellations is forthcoming.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

Chair Kearney adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m

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