Committee on Educational Policy
Thomas Kearney, PharmD, Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday March 10, 2010

PRESENT: Thomas Kearney (Chair), Abbey Alkon, Sophia Saeed, Douglas Schmucker

ABSENT: Sergio Baranzini, Kurt Giles, Peter Loomer, Vineeta Singh, Beth Wilson

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) was called to order by Chair Kearney on March 10, 2010 at 3:38 p.m. in room S-30. A quorum was not present.

The minutes of February 10, 2010 were approved by the four present. Other members will be contacted via email.

Chair’s Report
Senate Coordinating Committee on March 1, 2010. Chair Kearney commented on the recent racist events at UCSD and other campuses.

He reminded the committee of the Friday, April 23 Post-Employment Benefits Listening Session in Cole Hall for current staff and faculty from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

The Committee on Research Individual Investigator Grants deadline is March 24, 2010. They have four categories: Start-up, Short-term Lapse, Re-entry, and New Direction.

Separately, the Faculty Research Lecture for 2010 was chosen—Ken A. Dill, School of Pharmacy—and the lecture will be on Monday, April 19 at Genentech Hall from 3:30 to 5pm.

The April 2010 meeting is cancelled; Chair Kearney requests members attend the Distinction in Teaching and Distinction in Mentoring Award Ceremonies being held in Cole Hall from 3:30 to 5pm that Wednesday April 14, 2010. If anything arises that needs to be handled, we will do so via email.

At the recent Coordinating Committee, Richard Schneider discussed the issues of rising costs of journal publications. The proposed move is toward open access. CEP members wondered if there was a unified list of copyright protocol or answers that faculty can give as standard responses to copyright forms.

Vice Chair Peter Loomer will chair the May meeting. Chair Kearney will be at a conference.
Discussion of Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication Letter Regarding Library Space Issues
Committee discussed the issues surrounding the proposed letter. There is funding to revamp the Hearst room into a 24-hour space and there are few spaces for students to go off-campus for studying.

Member Saeed said that most students go to the S-rooms to study—which raises issues for security and space issues. It also raises the issues of “quality education” for UCSF students; we have great programs but nowhere for students to study, what message is that sending?

The committee felt it was a critical and a basic need. While a funding source wasn't specified, the committee overall agreed with the letter.

Members also thought that the library space (which is at a premium) should be reserved for UCSF students (vs. students from non-UCSF schools or members of the public). Members also wondered about the qualitative figures of how many students use the library or due to space issues are prevented from using the library. CEP members will suggest the COLASC group collect such data as this proposal moves toward development-phase.

At Mission Bay, there are a lot of other open access spaces, which for now could be used as study spaces but not reserved as that.

ACTION: The committee agrees with the COLASC letter with the caveat of having additional qualitative data to bolster the letter.

Update on Education Curriculum Work Group, UC Commission on the Future
Chair Kearney summarized the draft report Dr. Cooke sent him. Due to the quick turnaround time, he was unable to share this with the committee as a whole until now. The Work Group is providing recommendations to the full UC Commission on the Future this month.

Chair Kearney stated that a predictable cost plan for what achieving this education will cost should be a requirement for all schools. It’s unfair to get them started and then change the costs advising them to get additional grants which have high interest rates and prove to be cost-exorbitant for students and their families.

ACTION: This information will be communicated to the Education Curriculum Workgroup once their initial recommendations are out.

Discussion of ESAC Task Force Report for the Chancellor on Education Technology Infrastructure
Committee members asked the following:

• Can upgrades to programs be done through the system, rather than having a person come out to each person and upgrade the computer overnight?
• Why stick with the older style of having IT do it? This seems like a waste of time and inefficiency. This very simple idea isn’t within the report and they wondered if it should be.
• Rather than adding something new atop of something that doesn’t work—can we fix something that doesn’t work campuswide and which is inefficient?
• On the Help Desk, why are staff and faculty originally denied access to this? Is it that there is a different level of need for faculty and staff?
• Modern technology should match the evolving needs of faculty: what if a new teaching arena was created? Why isn’t fiscal classroom issues and classroom support included in the report?
• Also, overall issue of decentralized approach to IT has created a system of inefficiencies. Members suggested linking them together rather than bringing in an external team that may not fully understand the needs of UCSF.
• On external review: This isn’t necessary. CEP member felt UCSF campus-wide IT should come together and create a council to determine what is needed, rather than bring in from the outside. more so sharing of technologies between schools – what works, what doesn’t – do all the IT people in each school talk to each other?
• Committee members supported the expansion of such technologies like P-Boxes in each classroom.

ACTION: Analyst Cleaver will combine all of the committee’s suggestions into a letter and route to Joe Castro and Doug Carlson. Both will be invited to a future CEP meeting to further address if they so choose.

Discussion of CEP Charge and Drafting of Letter to Division and/or Chancellor
Postponed to May’s meeting.

School Updates
Postponed due to time.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Kearney adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

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