The School of Dentistry Faculty was called to order by Chair Lee on September 17, 2009 at 8:08 a.m. in room M-719. A quorum was present.

**Chair’s Report — J. Lee**
Chair Lee provided an overview of shared governance and its meaning for UCSF and the Academic Senate. She provided a report on the Leadership Retreat and the Chancellor’s comments for the future of the University.

Chair Lee requested for an increased presence of School of Dentistry faculty on the Committee on Committees.

Academic Council is convening a Task Force (Gould’s Commission) to Review Senate activities and membership practices. Input from the School of Dentistry has been encouraged.

**Dean’s Report — J. Featherstone**
The Dean made these announcements:

- The School of Dentistry will hold commencement exercises on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Davies Symphony Hall at 11a.m.
- To date, the Fleming Simulation Lab has been funded entirely by donations and still needs more donations. The official opening will be held on November 2, 2009 at 5pm.
- Budget situation:
  - The School took a $2.6M state cut; 20% cut (vs. the 7% anticipated cut). Half of that 20% cut is permanent and the other half is temporary, though the fear is that the cut will become permanent. Seventeen staff members have been laid off and 32 staff members have had their appointments reduced. Student fees will increase as well.
  - The furlough system began on September 1, 2009. The School’s website has more detailed FAQs.
  - Students are seeking more patient time in the Postdoctoral Clinics. Numbers for 2008-2009 were up over prior year and July-August numbers are up 10% over the same time as last year as well.
Next year, a new scholarship, entitled the Dean’s Scholarship will be rolled out. The funding will come from the Dr. Harrison Endowment and will be made available to an underprivileged student; $40K, $10K for each year. J. Featherstone requested the Alumni Association to match funding annually so as to continue with the scholarship.

Another alumni has donated $50K, and that alumni is raising another $50K to create a Scholarship for Excellence.

Recommendation that such scholarships and funds are announced on the School’s website

**Student Representative Report -- D. Hardy**

D. Hardy commented that student feedback has been mixed as to the overall budget situation. There is concern over the lack of faculty on the clinic floors; it’s understood that it is due to furloughs and personnel cuts, but students are beginning to be frustrated.

J. Featherstone responded that the ratio of 8:1 faculty: student is still being maintained; the issue however is that there is no backup now—so if a faculty is out, then it will be 16:1 v. 8:1. So this is being addressed wherever possible, to have other faculty on call.

The RCO Fair is to be held on October 1, 2009, in the front patio of the School.

D. Hardy also raised the concern that alumni are not friendly to graduating seniors. Impression is that alumni aren’t supportive of the school. Students are aware that this is changing however it is slow to change.

Chair Lee wants the Faculty Council closely involved in alumni involvement for the upcoming year; this is something that SOD Faculty Council is very aware of and Chair Lee wants to see progress in the next year. Dean Featherstone spoke to the change being a cultural change that is needed with the faculty and students as well—shifting this will also be needed.

Also there are some irrational perceptions on the part of students—as spoken by Dan Hardy—that students are being treated as children, students’ patients aren’t being treated well, and the few faculty who don’t treat students as well as they perceive they should be treated. Overall, administrative issues need to be addressed, as do morale issues.

Chair Lee raised the question—how do we change the students’ perceptions? This will be addressed at further meetings throughout the year.

**New Member Welcome**

Member introductions and explanation of the charge of SOD Faculty Council were led by Chair Lee.

**Update on Faculty Retreat – Janice Lee**

The faculty retreat will be on Saturday September 26, 2009. This is the best day due to the shared university calendar. It will begin at 8am and last all day; the Chancellor will be there in the morning of the retreat. Lunch and live jazz at the Faculty House.

**Departmental Reports**

**Cell and Tissue Biology – Nina Agabian**

Recruitment is starting.

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – Janice Lee**

Planning for the Implant Center continues.

**Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences – Stuart Gansky**
This department had a retreat last month. Mark Kirkland said that collections have gone up; only 4-6% of unpaid bills go into collection now. Searches are ongoing for several candidates. This department received some ORA stimulus funding including bringing in 3 new faculty members (those who have not held faculty positions as of yet).

**Orofacial Sciences – Ophir Klein**
There is a search ongoing for two candidates and also a potential second search but that second search is dependent on funding from another area in the university.

**Committee Reports**
Committee brought forth a motion to approval proposed Committee Chairs. Committee Chairs were approved. Chairs for 2009-2010 are:

Admissions – Dan Ramos  
Academic Planning and Budget – Brian Schmidt  
Education Policy Committee – Ram Vaderhobli and Sheila Brear  
Scholarship – Wu Li

Research Committee is still pending. This committee chooses who will speak at the Clinical Excellence Day—but is separate from the RCED Committee.

**Old Business**
Discussion of proposed bylaw changes and resurrecting this as something SOD FC wants to accomplish within 2009-2010. Stuart Gansky has already accomplished much of the work; the initiative simply needs to be pushed forward.

**New Business**
The Committee selected a Vice Chair and Secretary for 2009-2010.

Stefan Habelitz was nominated and voted in as being the Vice Chair.  
Ardnt Klocke was nominated and voted in as being the Secretary.

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.