The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chair Pletcher on November 17, 2010 at 4:36 p.m. in room S 30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2010 Meeting
The minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Pletcher reported on the Coordinating Committee presentation.

1. UCSF CIO Elazar Haral presented on his IT goals for the campus and current status of them.
2. The Senate’s Library & Scholarly Communication committee presented an update on the Nature Publishing Group situation and potential boycott.

Presentation on EPIC/APeX Rollout – Seth Bokser
Seth Bokser presented on the status of the rollout focusing on the following four aspects:

1. Renaming of the new E.H.R. from EPIC to APeX
2. Timeline of the roll-out:
   a. The stages of every EPIC system include the building of clinical-content, then building, testing, training, then going live. UCSF is currently at the clinical-content stage. In April 2011 ambulatory services (primary clinics) will go live.
   b. APeX can be modified for particular practices, with a few caveats. The more specialized practices will be in the fourth wave of the system rollout (Feb-April 2012).
3. Faculty involvement
   a. EPIC mandates 8 hours of in-class physician training prior to going live. This applies to residents, nurse practitioners (for all those who write charts). Others will get more training
   b. Additional or different training is for outpatient and inpatient care.
   c. As much clinically relevant data, as possible, including information from STOR and UCare, will be converted into APeX. Dr. Bokser didn’t know if Pisces info will be transferred over.
4. Highlighted issues?
   a. Areas UCSF Rollout team is examining:
      i. Ambulatory;
      ii. Business;
iii. Inpatient;  
iv. Technical;  
v. Research & Education

**Discussion**

CAC members asked how much querying EPIC allowed? Member Feiner wanted to know how much research data would be available in a searchable format through EPIC. Bokser said the Medical Center is working with the campus to provide clinical data in queriable format to the campus. The current plan is for researchers with CHR approval to be able to access the approved data through the MyResearch secure portal. New Vice Chancellor for Research, Suzanne Hildebrand-Zandt is leading a task force examining the APeX and Research “roadmap.”

Members raised questions of having the ability to do clinical QA and quality improvement mini-research projects through APeX? Apex does have functionality within the application that allows users to access relevant quality assessment reports for purposes of clinical benchmarking and quality improvement. Research data will be obtained only after CHR approval, likely through the campus MyResearch portal.

Members raised the question if APeX can capture issues of errors (eliminating the need for medical incident reports, for example), i.e. creating markers in the system in case issues arise (bleeding, medication, pain, complication, etc.)

On both of the above two questions, Dr. Bokser and his colleagues plan to return to CAC to discuss the potential for this type of advanced functionality.

**Discussion on the Task Force on Senate Membership**

Members discussed the report and the four recommendations. They focused on recommendation two, requesting that UCSF non-Senate faculty members who are doing Senate-level work with Senate-level responsibilities undergo file review for a re-classification of series. Members felt this dovetailed on other recommendations involving adjunct faculty made by the *Task Force Reviewing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Faculty Recruitment, Retention, Promotion, and New Faculty Appointments.*

Members also suggest that if campuses are to shift such non-Senate faculty into series like Professor of Clinical X, then the Systemwide regulation to have a 1:6 ratio of non-clinical to clinical faculty should be re-examined for its effectiveness and value.

Committee members supported the creation of a cross-campus clinical committee to examine membership issues, to standardize definitions and requirements of series and series titles. If such a new clinical committee is established, UCSF Clinical Affairs Committee members support the *Task Force on Senate Membership* recommendation that a separation be maintained between review of undergraduate and professional school curriculum.

Analyst Cleaver will draft a letter and distribute it to the committee.

**Reports from the Schools**

**Medicine**

None.

**Nursing**

A new Dean has been selected but requires Regents approval.

**Dentistry**

None.
Pharmacy
None.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Pletcher adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

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