Committee on Educational Policy
Peter Loomer, PhD, Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

PRESENT: Peter Loomer (Chair), Abbey Alkon (Vice Chair), Lucy Fisher, Thomas Kearney, Julia Kochi, Jim Munson, Nancy Nkanseh, Vineeta Singh, Douglas Schmucker, Elisabeth Wilson

ABSENT: Sergio Baranzini, Harry Hollander, Judy Martin-Holland, Sophia Saeed

The Committee on Educational Policy was called to order by Chair Loomer on September 15 at 3:32 p.m. in room S - 30. A quorum was present.

The minutes from July 14, 2010 were approved with edits.

Chair’s Report
Chair Loomer went over the status of committee membership. The committee is one person short and the Committee on Committees (COC) will be assigning the final person. CEP members had some suggestions that they provided to the Chair.

Chair Loomer went over the committee schedule and bylaws.

Discussion of Committee Goals for 2010-2011
Past committee concerns have included interdisciplinary education and educational technology.

Members noted that the final recommendations for the UC Commission on the Future are due end of this month (September 2010). Post the release of this report, the CEP may be invited to opine again on how it may affect the UCSF campus.

Member Kearney opted to invite Joe Castro and his office back to discuss interdisciplinary education and an official proposal supporting this across the campuses.

Chair Loomer also mentioned that Global Health is a big direction for UCSF and education.

Member Wilson also wanted to discuss educational support for students and diversity. She mentioned inability to retain people in faculty. Potential guests include Renee Navarro, in addition to Joe Castro. Plus there is a new position being developed for Vice Chancellor for Diversity.

Members also discussed Joe Castro’s office leading the charge for the new scholarship capital campaign.

Member Nkansah mentioned inviting the representative of the Chancellor’s Committee on Academic Diversity to a future meeting. Member Wilson also mentioned inviting someone from each of the schools to attend to discuss diversity efforts at each school.
Discussion of Systemwide Proposal: “Renaming Fees as Tuition”
Members discussed the proposal. Historically-speaking, UC was originally designed as a free university. So when the campus had to start charging fees, they called it educational fees, and not tuition.

What does the Supplemental Tuition for? Can it be renamed to be Resident v. Non-Resident Tuition, to distinguish California residents. Is it tuition (base) and a supplemental tuition (extra)?

Member Kearney asked if is there any correlation between schools or campus funding if called tuition vs. educational fees? A change in name will not change this pathway. It is administrative services that really need to adapt.

Overall, committee members are in favor of the changes, which will clarify confusion on the part of applicants. Chair Loomer will draft a letter and circulate for review and comments.

Updates from the Schools
SOM
Push for all SOM lecturers to begin each lecture with a full conflict of interest disclosure. Member Schmucker wondered about presenting this information to first years—he understands the concern for fourth year med students who maybe think a lecturer is pushing a type of textbook or instrument. Members did agree that it seemed overkill to disclose to first year students.

Member Wilson wondered if it was a question of framing it accurately; it could be done as a demonstration of professional modeling of disclosing business connections.

EH&S closed the Anatomy Lab yesterday, due to high formaldehyde readings from two student badges. The situation is being resolved and the SOM Dean’s Office anticipates it being reopened next week.

SOD
None.

SOP
SOP Faculty Council hasn’t met yet.

SON
They had a back-to-school day today to demonstrate to faculty the new curriculum. Search continues for a new Dean.

Update from the Library
Julia Kochi and Jim Munson provided an update to the committee.

Budget
Situation isn’t good. It’s largely funded by the State. Planned for a 16% cut (comes to about a $1.6million budget cut). The hope is to not reduce library hours any further.

How It’s Affecting Collection
A further cut is being taken. Judy also went over the active negotiations ongoing with Nature Publishing Co. Library also cancelled databases in 2009-2010 for the first time.

Member Kearney also raised the issue that came up in 2009-2010 involving student access to the libraries and safety. The Hearst Reading Room is now open on Saturdays and a grant, received from the Hearst Foundation, was received to build bathrooms and a small office for the police to assist for 24/7 use of the library.
CLE
Several new classes being offered. A linking with the SOD, SON, and SOP to connect classes from the Registrar to the CLE system. Trying to link to MyAccess so as not to have two separate passwords; active in January 2011, it is hoped.

The SIM Center will be open in January 2011, the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Old Business
Chair Loomer requested members, existing and new, review the Annual Report to come up to speed on the Committee’s charge and type of matters reviewed.

New Business
See SOM Update.

Chair Loomer adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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