Committee on Research
Roland Henry, PhD Chair

MINUTES
Monday, April 18, 2011


ABSENT: D. Braithwaite, D. Foster, M. Mankani, R. Marcucio, V. Singh, R. Vaderhobli

GUESTS: Tom Ferrin, Chair, Research Subcommittee, IT Governance Project

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Henry on April 18, 2011 at 10:10 a.m. in room S-30. A quorum was present at 10:15am.

Chair’s Announcements
Chair Henry commented on the ongoing changes with OE. They're coming to the May 2011 meeting to discuss both pre-award process and changes beyond that (Mara Fellouris & Suzanne Hildebrand-Zanki). The pilot implementation is about to be underway--and the hope that this will resolve issues in advance of full implementation.

The new financial model is still being developed. However UCSF will probably come out on the losing end of the UCOP tax. The benefit may be transparency. The details of the plan are still being negotiated.

Discussion of Bylaw Edit
Chair Henry discussed the specific sentence proposed for addition to the Bylaws, to allow the Chair of COR to designate a replacement for them at the Systemwide UCORP, if the Chair cannot serve on UCORP. A motion was put forth and accepted to approve the bylaw revision. Analyst Cleaver will now route the revision through the Senate’s Rules & Jurisdiction committee.

Chair Henry also discussed how the RAP Executive Board needs a more consistent member from COR, rather than having the Chair rotate off after a year, as is the current practice. The suggestions were:

1. designate a COR member for a three-year rap board term;
2. have the COR Chair serve for a year then serve for a two-year ex-officio role on RAP;
3. have both the Chair and Vice Chair serve on RAP, so there will always be an overlap. There may be objections to double-COR representations, however;
4. have the exiting COR Chair serve for two-years on RAP, as an ex officio member serving as a RAP Rep OR as a UCORP Rep.

COR Members determined that the RAP Board rep should be at least the Vice Chair and Chair. COR Members proposed that current Chair Henry serve two years beyond the end of his Chair role on COR as an ex officio to COR and as the RAP Representative.

Discussion of the COR representative on RAP will continue during next year’s academic term, as needed.
Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting were approved with a correction to the attendance list. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Presentation on the Research Technology Subcommittee, IT Governance Project
-- Tom Ferrin, Chair
This new committee meets monthly, with the initial meeting having been in December 2010. The committee’s goal is to focus on developing and aligning the vision and strategy for research technology with faculty interests. They're also identifying emerging needs or potential research applications of new technology that are shared across UCSF.

Application and project inventory information is gathered from the subcommittees (Clinical Enterprise, Education, Research, Business, IT Architecture & Support). There shouldn't be RAP grant applications coming through connected to these efforts; there are funds in this particular structure—any grant applications should be going through CRT. Member Melese recommended that Tom Ferrin and Fred Waldman of RAP talk.

The biggest challenge in re IT is the Med Centers' merger to EPIC/APeX on October 1, 2011. There will be a lot of databases that become defunct at that point, so CRT is focusing on making sure that the 180 systems and the research projects connected to them right now do not fall through the cracks.

Integrated Data Repository (IDR) and MyResearch will be the recommended database and toolset environments for UCSF researchers who need to use clinical data. Current IDR-users were surveyed recently, to discover what works, what needs improving, and if any additional training is needed.

The functional home for these efforts is Associate Vice Chancellor Hildebrand-Zanki’s office with technical lead by ITS. The oversight committee will monitor the implementation of the system. They will be adding basic scientists and representation from Radiology, Human Genetics, QB3, and/or CVRI. Also there is a plan to add external advisory board comprised of individuals drawn from other institutions and leading technologies.

Other Research Activities on CRT’s Radar
* Improved, more rapid and streamlined contracting and grants management, and IRB Review.
* access to research space and trained staff (Clinical Research Services)
* participant recruitment services
* support for research database development, management and database hosting, including high-level structured data.

Discussion
COR members raised questions about access to their research data through MyResearch. In particular, when the system goes from being free to there being a charge, will the data be locked and kept from the P.I. unless they pay a fee? Ferrin says that won't happen although the mechanism for resolving of that issue hasn't been developed as of yet.

IDR and MyResearch wasn't fully rolled out post-beta testing because there was a funding issue. Now that the Medical Center is moving to APeX, and the numerous other databases are being eliminated, the reliance on IDR and MyResearch will grow, as will infrastructure to support it.

COR member Kaplan asked about duplication of contacting patients. If everyone is accessing the same data, how can we make sure patients aren't inundated? Ferrin said that has been discussed at length by various other subcommittees involved in the IT Governance project, but not in the Research subcommittee.
Old Business
None.

New Business
Analyst Cleaver reminded members that the June meeting will determine the FRL honorees for 2011-2012. Right now we have one candidate in each category, and Analyst Cleaver has contacted former nominators to see if they're interested in rolling over.

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 11:42am.

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