Clinical Affairs Committee  
Phil Rosenthal, MD, Chair  

MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013

PRESENT:  Phil Rosenthal (Chair), Zahid Ahmed, Geraldine Collins-Bride, Teresa De Marco, Andrew Gross, Jeff Meadows, David Morgan, Steven Polevoi, Hope Rugo, Nam Tran, Katherine Yang  

ABSENT:  Christopher Barton, Barbara Burgel, Jose Miguel Hernandez-Pampaloni  

GUEST:  Jay Harris, Chief Strategic and Business Development Officer  

The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chair Phil Rosenthal on January 23, 2013 at 4:38 p.m. in room S-118. A quorum was present.  

Approval of Minutes from the November 28, 2012 Meeting  
The minutes were approved.  

Chair’s Report  
Chair Rosenthal reported on the following items:  

- **Clinical Chairs Meeting:** Three major items were discussed at the meeting. These included:  
  1. **ICD-10 Codes are coming to the University - ICD-10 (International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems) codes are used to track patient diagnoses. The transition to the use of the new codes will be difficult due to an added level of code complexity. An advisory group was hired to make the transition the most efficient and practical for the Medical Center.**  
  2. **A process is being developed for “Meaningful Use.” According to Healthit.gov, “Meaningful Use,” is a set of standards that govern the use of health records.**  
  3. **Changes to ACGME requirements - Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education Bobby Baron gave a presentation on changes to ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) requirements. The ACGME will be changing the way that institutions are certified. UC Davis recently went through the new process and UCSF has contacted them for advice.**  

- **Sustainability Committee:** At the request of Academic Senate’s Sustainability Task Force, CAC members have been asked to support the Task Force in encouraging the Medical Center to publicly publish the cost of treatments and services. Currently, physicians don't have access to cost information and the Sustainability Task Force hopes that with more information, care providers could order treatments that add the most value rather than treatments that cost the most. In response to a request of the Sustainability Task Force, the Medical Center offered to publish cost ranges in the form of dollar signs ($, $$, $$$). Committee members felt the Medical Center’s attempt to publish ranges is sufficient since estimating costs to patients would be very difficult given variables with insurance coverage.
In addition to the request to support more Medical Center transparency, the Task Force also asked if CAC members could comment on a recent report that paper usage has gone up since the implementation of APeX. Committee members responded that they were not aware paper usage had gone up. In fact, in some departments, faculty were informed that paper usage had gone down significantly. Vice Chair Rugo did note that in her department, paper usage had gone up because every time a correction was made to a report, a re-print was necessary.

**Update on the Oakland Children’s Hospital**

Jay Harris, Chief Strategic and Business Development Officer of the Medical Center, updated the Committee on the proposed merger with Oakland Children’s Hospital. Jay gave an overview of the transaction and the financial terms of the agreement. According to Jay, Oakland Children’s Hospital will benefit from the merger because they will now have advantages of scale for physician recruitment, retention and programmatic offerings. UCSF will benefit from the transaction by becoming one of the nation’s top five children’s hospitals in size and research, and UCSF will be able to offer more comprehensive services to its patients. Jay concluded his presentation with an overview of the remaining timeline. The target closing for the merger is set for July 2013.

**Update on the Mission Bay Academic Building Activity-Based Workplace**

Vice Chair Hope Rugo reported on her attendance of a recent meeting on the workspace plans for the soon to be developed Mission Bay Academic Building. Attendees at this meeting included several members of the Senate Leadership, SOM Dean Sam Hawgood and Co-Chair of the Campus Space Committee, Bruce Wintroub. The meeting was held in response to an Academic Senate letter which encouraged administration to reexamine the activity-based workspace and consider alternatives. Vice Chair Rugo commented that while Dean Hawgood and Bruce Wintroub were receptive to faculty concerns, they were not open to making any adjustments at this point of the process. According to administration, the faculty had already been consulted when the administration approached the Chairs for feedback. They also explained that with the University’s constraints with space and money, there just isn’t any other alternative. Vice Chair Rugo explained that it seems the plans to move to an activity-based workspace are set and nothing can be done to change the mind of the Chancellor and administration. To follow up on the meeting, the Senate is drafting communication which will be sent out to all faculty.

Committee members shared their concerns with the activity-based workspace. Some of these concerns include worries about privacy, storage, HIPPA compliance and whether the environment will be supportive to grant writing. Members also believe that by taking away office space from faculty, UCSF will have trouble recruiting new faculty members.

**Reports from the Schools**

**School of Dentistry**

Zahid Ahmed reported that the Department of Oral Surgery has completed interviews for the Chair position. Selection of the new Chair should be coming soon.

**School of Medicine**

No Report

**School of Nursing**

No Report

**School of Pharmacy**

Katherine Yang reported on the following items:

- Faculty members in the School of Pharmacy are concerned with the space plans for Mission Bay.
- The school is up for accreditation.
- There are plans for the School of Pharmacy to take over the space that was formally the campus bookstore and develop a new outpatient facility. A major goal of the new facility, called the “First Floor Project,” is to create accurate medication lists, or histories, that will be portable across platforms, both internal and external of UCSF.
**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
None.

Chair Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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