Committee on Educational Policy
Elisabeth Wilson, M.D., M.P.H., Chair

MINUTES
Wednesday, October 17, 2012

PRESENT: Elisabeth Wilson (Chair), Don Curtis (Vice Chair), Tamara Alliston, David Irby, John Maa, Tina Brock and Gail Persily (permanent guests)

EXCUSED: Abbey Alkon, Susan Hyde, Lynda Mackin, Nancy Nkansah

GUESTS: Joe Castro, Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Affairs
        Renee Navarro, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Outreach

Chair Wilson called the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) to order on October 17, 2012 at 3:40 p.m. in room U-506. A quorum was present. Minutes for the June, September and October meetings were approved via e-mail.

Approval of the Minutes
Due to lack of quorum in the beginning of the meeting, the minutes of June 12, 2012 and September 19, 2012 will be approved via e-mail.

On-Line Education, Faculty Development - Joe Castro, Vice Chancellor for Student Academic Affairs (see slides for details)
Vice Chancellor Castro presented an update on the innovations in education underscoring the Chancellor’s Educational Goals to attract and support the most talented and diverse trainees in the health sciences. He noted that the issue of faculty development in the use of educational technology, a major concern for the Committee on Educational Policy, has been fully funded for a three-year initiative. The three methods of on-line education and the benefits of each were discussed:
1. Course, Certificates and Degree Programs – Self-supporting
2. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) – Possible source of revenue
3. Online Training Platform – CTSI

The Masters in Health Administration and Interprofessional Leadership (MS HAIL) program, reviewed by the CEP in 2011-12, is scheduled to launch in fall 2013.

Three UCSF Certificate Courses are being offered through Coursera’s on-line course technology and are scheduled to launch in January 2013 with 55,000 current enrollees. Over a dozen other courses and subjects have been proposed by UCSF faculty. With the cost of each approximately $70,000, the committee discussed recouping the cost of these and future courses as well as the need to advertise the availability of these on-line certificate courses.

Khan Academy
John Maa presented information on the Khan Academy for review and will present a brief update at the November 26, 2012 meeting. Khan Academy also provides free on-line education.
http://www.khanacademy.org/
Chair’s Report
Chair Wilson reviewed the agenda items for the year and asked members to expand on their agenda items.

Systemwide Educational Policy (UC CEP Report) - Tamara Alliston
UCEP was asked to move more quickly to review individual courses proposed for systemwide status for online administration. Some of these individual courses were given to reviewers with less than a month to provide feedback.

Update from the Library – Gail Persily, Director, Education & Public Service, UCSF Library
Educational Technology Faculty Development Initiative is underway. Gail Persily co-chairing an operations committee with Pat O’Sullivan to plan the activities. A faculty advisory group has also been created that includes faculty from all of the schools. First order of business for this initiative is the TLC Educational Technology Conference on November 14 and 15. It includes 2 keynote speakers who will focus on the topic of learning analytics: one speaker will provide an overview of the discipline and how it might apply to our educational objectives here and the second speaker will talk about a specific application of using data to inform how online learning is designed and re-designed. \Presentations\Ed. Tech Conf..pdf

UCSF faculty approved an Open Access Policy last May, which the Library is in the process of implementing. In recognition of Open Access Week October 22-26, a UCSF panel will discuss current plans for the implementation of the policy on October 24 at Noon.

Student Support – Renee Navarro, Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Outreach
Vice Chancellor Navarro discussed her role in UCSF’s Task Force on Students Experiencing Academic Difficulties (SEAD), which is committed to strengthening diversity and outreach as well as her roll in all aspects of student support to help those with academic difficulty navigate through the UCSF process and avoid lengthy student dismissals. The Task Force has created four working groups, Anticipation and Early Identification, Due Process, Remediation Strategies and Leave of Absence, and Secondary issues. The committee discussed the need for clear and concise procedures for both students and faculty. A draft recommendation is scheduled for presentation to Joe Castro in January 2013.

While serving the challenges for underrepresented students, UCSF is looking for an expert on the issues and has discussed this need with several people outside UCSF. SEAD - Renee Navarro.pdf

New Business
None

Old Business
None

Adjournment
There being no further business, Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.