Committee on Research
Srikantan Nagarajan, PhD, Chair

MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2013

* by phone

ABSENT: S. Ho, A. Jain, S. Kools, J. Moskowitz, J. Myers

GUESTS: Marguerite Hutchinson*, Industry Contracts Office, Contracts & Grants Office and Eric Mah*, Senior Compliance Director, Ethics & Compliance
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The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Nagarajan on March 18, 2013 at 10:10 am in room S 118. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting were approved with some minor corrections. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Chair’s Announcements

Discussion of Design of Academic Buildings
Chair Nagarajan updated members on the status of the Senate’s discussion with UCSF Administration on the MCAB design and future designs of U- and C-buildings.

Assoc Dean of Academic Affairs, SOD, Peter Sargent has also chimed in that the Administration’s design is a poor model. COR members repeated the HIPAA concerns and that academia isn’t an industry/corporate setting and shouldn’t be modeled after them.

Members mentioned both University of Amsterdam and University of Melbourne had tried this model and it hasn't been successful—and had to return to older models. These should be cited.

COR members suggested the petition detail a Vote of No Confidence in the Administration. In general, the tenants moving into the building should be involved in the decision-making process.

Chair Nagarajan reminded people to uncouple the MCAB building from overall concerns on design and research at UCSF. Members spoke to the inability for basic science departments to fill vacant positions because UCSF isn’t competitive (cost of living, etc).
Update on HIPAA Revisions
Analyst Cleaver updated members that both Systemwide Faculty Welfare Committee and the Systemwide Committee on Academic Personnel are proposing that UC campuses with medical centers review these HIPAA revisions, in a track changes format, in their Academic Senate Executive Committees.

Discussion of Conflict of Interest Issues Related to Clinical Trials (Attachment 2)
Marguerite Hutchinson, Industry Contracts Office, Contracts & Grants Office and Eric Mah, Senior Compliance Director, Ethics & Compliance joined by phone from Laurel Heights campus.

Marguerite Hutchinson went over the current situation faculty working with outside companies in clinical trials. They showed how many faculty handle funds received from such companies and the accurate way (that benefits faculty) it should be handled.

Members invited them to return in person to the May 2013 COR meeting to focus more on COI issues. Members understand that COI and intellectual property are intertwined issues however as COR focuses on research policy issues, COI is of more important focus.

Old Business
Analyst Cleaver will circulate the current list of UCSF-approved sponsors list drafted to-date by COR member Stuart Gansky. Once complete, this list will be forwarded onto the Committee on Human Research and Campus Administration to be included in the Clinical Research Initiative.

New Business
Analyst Cleaver updated members on some logistical matters in re the Committee on Research:

1. Survey results demonstrated an even split among current members to moving the meeting earlier or later in the day on Monday. Any definitive change will be made in the 2013-2014 academic year, to allow people time to change to adjust schedules if needed.

2. The Committee time is being officially reduced in 2013-2014 from two hours to one and a half hours, save for three meetings (December, May, and June) where the meeting will remain at two hours in case grant approval or presentations by FRL Nominators runs beyond the usual committee time.

3. Spring guests to Committee on Research include-
   a. April – Mara Fellouris & eProposal and Terri O’Brien & UCSF Research Initiatives
   b. May – Susanne Hildebrand-Zanki & Clinical Research Budget and RAP Spring Funding (this may be moved to June)
   c. June – Keith Yamamoto & Research Climate at UCSF and Review & Voting on FRL Nominations 2013-2013

Chair Nagarajan adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.