The School of Dentistry Faculty Council was called to order by Chair Torsten Wittmann on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 8:05 a.m. in room U-456. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from the December 20, 2012 Meeting
Council Members approved the minutes.

Chair's Report
Chair Wittmann reported on the following items:

- **Call for Faculty Council Nominations:** The Call for Nominations has gone out. Faculty have until February 22 to nominate a colleague. Chair Wittmann encouraged members to inform other faculty about the work of the Council and encourage them to apply. Some members responded that they have tried to recruit faculty before, but they have been by others that they cannot make the meetings. This is especially a problem for clinical faculty. In response, the Dean informed the Council that with the current clinical schedule there should be at least one faculty member available to attend the once-a-month Council meeting. Council members will follow up to find out who may be available to attend.

- **Dates for Future Faculty Meetings:** The spring Full Faculty meeting will most likely held in May. Chair Wittmann would like the Council to discuss agenda items at the next meeting. Chair Wittmann also announced September 21 as the tentative date for the Fall Faculty Retreat. Faculty enjoyed having the retreat at Fort Mason last September, so the location will be considered again.

- **Future Faculty Workspace:** A lot of faculty are concerned with the University’s plans to construct activity-based workspaces in the soon-to-be built Mission Bay Academic Building. The main concern with the new concept is that faculty will be given cubicle pods rather than private office space. In response to faculty anxieties with the new plans, a meeting between Senate Leadership and administration was held to discuss the issue. Administrative leaders involved in campus planning explained with the limited space and fiscal constraints facing the University, this was the best option. Furthermore, little could be done at this point in the process to make significant changes to the Academic Building plans.

Chair Wittmann noted that the activity-based workspace environment is also planned to be incorporated into the remodeled Clinical Sciences building which will house Dentistry faculty.
Members agreed that the Faculty Council should be active in providing feedback to administration before Clinical Science building plans are finalized.

- **Operational Excellence Pre-Award Survey:** Chair Wittmann reported that the OE survey will be closing next week, on February 8. He encouraged all faculty to take this survey to make sure that the Council has a high response rate.

- **Academic Planning and Budget Letter on Operational Excellence:** A subcommittee of APB, which is focused on OE initiatives, has developed a proposal to form a new OE Faculty Advisory Committee that will oversee all three segments of OE – IT, HR and Pre-Award. This committee would be formed in response to faculty concerns with a lack of oversight. A letter has been drafted outlining the charge of the oversight committee.

**Dean’s Report**

Dean Featherstone reported on the following items:

- **Admissions:** The Dean gave an overview of the current number of students accepted to the first-year class. He informed the Council that each year there is always a few students that leave the University in the first year for various reasons. In anticipation of the natural attrition, the Dean is proposing that the School should increase the number of students who are admitted to the first-year class, so that the class could still maintain its normal size into the second year. The increased revenue from professional degree fees will cover the expenses of adding the additional students. The Dean motioned for the Council’s support of the proposal. The Council supported the idea.

- **Calendar Reforms:** The School of Dentistry has always been in sync with the campus calendar shared with the other schools. A concern of the Dean is that in accordance with this calendar, there are three weeks in December when the Dental Clinic is closed. The Dean is proposing that instead of having eight week-long quarter breaks, the School should instead reduce it to five week-long breaks. If the clinic is open for three additional weeks, the School has the opportunity to raise more revenue. A risk of moving to this new model is that faculty teaching courses will have less time to grade. Council members acknowledged this concern, but noted that the change was certainly possible. The Council approved the proposal.

- **Ramifications of Proposition 30:** Since the passage of Proposition 30 the benefits to the University and Schools are becoming clearer. As of right now, the Dean understands that there will be no further cuts from the state and that the School will now receive additional support for benefit costs.

**Student Representative Report**

None.

**Presentation on Privileging and Credentialing Policy**

Richard Smith, author of the SODs Privileging and Credentialing Policy, gave a brief overview of the policy, including background, planned implemented and next steps. According to Dr. Smith, the process started when Dean Featherstone requested that a committee be formed to develop the policy. The aim of this proposed policy is to ensure that all clinicians meet minimum requirements for practice. There is a need for the policy because there is no uniform standard for the school. Once the policy is approved, the Medical Center will be contracted to perform all of the administrative work. The policy is currently under legal review and could be implemented as soon as July 1, 2013.

**Department Representative Reports**

Cell and Tissue Biology – None
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – None
Preventative and Restorative Dental Sciences – None
Orofacial Science – None

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Wittmann adjourned the meeting at 9:02 am.

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