School of Medicine Faculty Council  
Ellen Weber, MD, Vice Chair

MINUTES  
Thursday, April 11, 2013

PRESENT:  Ellen Weber (Vice Chair), Renee Binder, Judith Ford, Harry Hollander, Celia Kaplan, Alma Martinez, Heather Nye, Phil Rosenthal, Lydia Zablotska

ABSENT: Joe Sullivan (Chair), Robert Baron, Marcelle Cedars, Cynthia Curry, Teresa De Marco, Ruth Goldstein, Sam Hawgood, Robert Nissenson, Catherine Lucey

GUESTS: Jeanette Brown, Professor in the OB/Gyn & Reproductive Sciences Department; Tom Newman, Chair of the Sustainability Task Force

Vice Chair Ellen Weber called the Faculty Council meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. in room S-30.

Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2013 (Attachment 1)  
Due to time constraints, the Council deferred the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

Vice Chair's Report  
Vice Chair Weber reported on the following items:

- **Sustainability Task Force Report:**
  Tom Newman, Chair of the Task Force, has asked to attend the Council meeting to request that Council members to support a resolution to phase out UCSF’s use of meat treated with antibiotics. The Task Force is also seeking to become a standing committee of UCSF Division of the Academic Senate. If approved, UCSF would be the first campus in the system to have an Academic Senate standing committee devoted to Sustainability.

- **19900 Fund Presentation:**
  The Faculty Welfare Committee recently submitted a letter to the Deans requesting an explanation of the changes to the allocation of 19900 funds. Eric Vermillion, Vice Chancellor of Finance, will be attending in the coming months to give explain the implementation of changes at the School of Medicine.

- **Activity-Based Workspace Developments:**
  Despite numerous appeals by faculty, campus leadership have no plans of reforming the activity-based workspace planned for the Mission Bay Academic Building. The Dean is currently holding “Office Hours” in hopes that he can manage the displeasure of the faculty. If faculty are interested in viewing a mock-up of the new space, there will also be two tours next week.

Discussion on Faculty Discretionary Funds  
Jeanette Brown, Professor in the OB/Gyn & Reproductive Sciences Department, joined the Council meeting to discuss possible plans by departments to start the practice of taxing faculty discretionary funds. She explained that discretionary funds are the residual funds that remain after a grant has been processed. These types of funds often come from private foundation grants and other non-federal grants. Professor Brown informed the Council that some faculty have recently learned that departments are
considering the idea of taxing the discretionary in order to backfill other parts of the budget. Professor Brown would like to take the opportunity gather thoughts on the possible policy change and to gather more information on what is the practice in each department.

After discussion, Faculty Council announced that they were unanimously opposed to any taxation of discretionary funds. However, the Council members informed Professor Brown that none of the departments is currently engaging in the activity. Professor Brown thanked the Council for their input and requested that they further bring awareness to the issue.

**APeX Update**

Michael Blum, Chief Medical Information Officer, updated the Council on status of the APeX implementation. Dr. Blum updated the Council on the following items:

- **Beacon:**
  The Medical Center has started the process of planning the implementation of Beacon, an application that will help to make Oncology services more efficient.

- **Children’s Hospital:**
  Part of Oakland Children’s Hospital will be migrating over to APeX in 2014. The migration will hopefully come online before the merger is complete in an effort to ensure that the hospital is fully integrated with UCSF.

- **System Upgrade:**
  UCSF needs to update from the 2010 to the 2012 version of APeX. The upgrade process is really difficult because UCSF cannot jump from one system to the next, rather the programmers will have to update to the previous version before moving to the current edition.

- **Collections:**
  Over the most recent months there have been some issues with billing and collections. The issues with billing have been resolved, but the Medical Center is still having trouble with collections. The overall trend in the reduction in collections isn’t all attributed to APeX. A decline in revenue can be blamed on the fact that the overall number of visits over the past year have been down.

- **Budget:**
  The cost of entire rollout of the APeX system has matched the budgeted amount. This is an achievement because of the size and scope of the project generally costs a lot more.

- **Future Development:**
  The Medical Center changed their strategy to focus on maintenance of the system and developing parts of the system that are feasible. Future projects will be pushed off to later years.

**Sustainability Task Force Presentation (Attachment 2)**

Tom Newman, Chair of the Sustainability Task Force, informed the Council that the Task Force is currently in the process of building support for a resolution calling for a ban of meat treated with antibiotics. He then shared a powerpoint presentation with the Council which provided an overview of the problem and why UCSF should get involved. He then gave an overview of the some of the additional environmental issues that the sustainability committee will be taking on in the future.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Vice Chair Weber adjourned the committee at 5:10pm.