The Sustainability Task Force was called to order by Chair Newman on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 9:00am in room U-506. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2012
The minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting were approved as is.

Chair’s Report
Chair Newman mentioned the recently distributed Academic Senate Call for Service. Analyst Cleaver verified that the Sustainability Task Force/Committee is listed on the drop-down menu as potential service option for senate members, but in a second group of other or temporary committees or task forces. Chair Newman asked about moving the listing to a more visible location with the other standing committees, but Analyst Cleaver was pessimistic.

Chair Newman recently gave Medical Grand Rounds at Parnassus on global climate change. Faculty sustainability brochures from the Sustainability Office were handed out to attendees. The lecture was well-received; it can be viewed at this link: http://lecture.ucsf.edu/ETS/Play/e6be732368f84ef7a2f8cd15201796221d

At the end of January 2013, the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability met and was advised that the UC System has contracted to buy 25% of its natural gas as BioGas (methane, mostly from manure, wastewater treatment or landfill.) This will dramatically cut down UCSF’s carbon footprint because most of the methane so captured would otherwise escape to the atmosphere where it has more than 20 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide. This could also stimulate the development of the bio-gas industry. The goal is to keep UCSF below the threshold so that the campus, especially Mission Bay, is below the limit set in AB32 that would require us to pay for carbon. The UCSF Planning Department is also development a Climate Action Plan. Unfortunately, budget restrictions currently prevent us from seeking to swith to 100% biogas.
Chair Newman advised of feedback from CAP on recognizing Sustainability for faculty advancement. Analyst Cleaver will be circulating a Communication request from CAP soliciting for more detailed examples, for the benefit of CAP members.

**Update on the Draft Statement on the Use of Antibiotics in Agriculture**

The Task Force with input from Jack Henderson and Dan Henroid revised the Draft Statement on the Use of Antibiotics in Agriculture. TF members spoke to health issues and also to toning down the language such that it doesn't come across as alarmist. Member Martin wanted it to speak to the risks themselves. Members opted to add one additional bullet-point urging "education by the UC system to educate the public, faculty, and staff about the public health benefits of switching to meat not fed antibiotics."

New draft to be determined within the next few weeks.

**Ideas for Resolution Release**

- Press release (story in Synapse)
- Partner with the CACS...as a next step. Their next meeting is April 2013. Gail Lee and Tom Newman will present and seek their advice as to next step.
- Also, include this at an upcoming Coordinating Committee -- and add to the next Division Meeting if well-received at the Coordinating Committee.
- Clinical Affairs Committee – get a "clinician sign-on" list. Go to the Faculty Councils of the Schools and get their voting sign-off.
  - Can do a surveymonkey.com to gain approval for their name to be listed.
  - Include and pose to students too through the student listservs? There is also a fledgling PSR for Students group at UCSF.
- Plus checking in with various members of Administration and Campus Leadership including the Clinical Director (Josh Adler), the Chair of Infectious Disease Control Committee of the UCSF Medical Center (S. Wachter), the COO, UCSF Medical Center (Ken Jones), SVC Plotts, CEC (Chancellor's Executive Committee), and Patient Safety Committee.
- Another idea is to partner with Kaiser and/or Oakland Children’s Hospital on this. We want to move forward with it ahead of Kaiser.
- TF members also asked that if such a resolution is going to be released, let’s do some additional due diligence and see if there’s any data on patients contracting superbugs from food? Is it actually risky to our immediate health from institutions?

The overall goal of the resolution is to raise awareness, and within that, develop a timeline for phase-out and to do so with an economically feasible plan. Dan Henroid advised that at present it would cost 2.5 times more than the usual cost.

Sustainability Task Force members want the resolution to speak to "this is something worth spending the money on. If the supply exists, we want UC System to purchase. We don't want to contribute to the problem...but be part of the solution."

Issues the TF could hear back in response to the resolution: hospitals have to raise costs, or student fees might have to go up in order to pay for the UC System to do this. Susan Ryan spoke to "committing to purchasing non-therapeutic antibiotic meat because the UC system is so big." Many meat companies only want to work with retail.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Jack Henderson will get more information for money needed to make this happen and to get more information so to present to Ken Jones in a business-like fashion.

2. Gail Lee will work with the Culture Shift Work Group (which also has Ellen Weber as a participant). Cost savings is the focus of that committee (along with many of CACS's initiatives). Gail Lee will also mention the resolution to Josh Adler and the Patient Safety Committee.
3. Analyst Cleaver will develop a communication plan for building ground-support for this resolution. Analyst Cleaver will also get the resolution and the Sustainability Task Force itself on the next opening for the Senate’s Coordinating Committee (March/April 2013).

4. Susan Ryan will explore ICU data on superbug issues. Also, does cooking of food at high enough temperatures eliminate many of the superbug issues?

Old Business

Curriculum
Vice Chair Tehrani spoke to using students to research what is already being done in curriculum on sustainability. A blurb has been created for a Pathways to Discovery program student to research this, with Susan Ryan serving as the point of contact. A short blurb has gone out to professional students for them to sign-up: we could get first year, up to fourth year, student or even a fellow or a resident. Such students can devote upwards of ten hours a week on this project. Vice Chair Tehrani will continue to update members on this project.

Office of Sustainability and Availability of Cost Information for Clinicians
Chair Newman followed up with Phil Rosenthal, Chair, Clinical Affairs Committee, about how to make cost information more accessible to clinicians.

This is being explored by Clinical Affairs separately. Also, conversations with Tim Hamill, Vice Chair and Director of Clinical Labs, were unproductive because there are so many different costs based on insurance and payor mix, and some of the information cannot be shared for propriety reasons. Chair Newman hoped all of it would be made available. STF Member Weber is working on a presentation where APeX can be used to share cost information and that cost information should be included in with APeX system (in the Emergency Department). If successful the presentation could be expanded to other departments.

Videconferencing
Member Mike Martin spoke to the research done by Analyst Cleaver and himself on using various other conference system. We’ll continue to explore to see if WebEx is the best option.

ACTION ITEM: Analyst Cleaver will also look into obtaining a different room for the meeting as U-506 has no wireless capacity.

New Business

Living Green Fair/Bike to Work Day (May 9) and Sustainability Awards -
Gail Lee advised that they’re looking for judges for the Sustainability Awards (May 2nd). Tom Newman, Susan Ryan, and Arianne Tehrani will serve as judges.
There will be a table for the Sustainability Task Force at the May 9th Living Green Fair. There will a recycled art show at that event.

UC Divestments from Fossil Fuel Companies -
Chair Newman led this discussion to start members being aware of this "new math" of evaluating carbon dioxide levels and fossil fuel companies’ value. Chair Newman asked for members' weigh-in on this. Members thought coming up for a statement/resolution and then having faculty/staff sign-on to this. Various campuses have taken the step to examine this effort.

Gail Lee recommended Tom Newman talk to Matt Sinclair who Chairs the committee examining responsible investing and transparencies. UC Regents are only willing to examine this at this point. It makes it hard to ask them to divest if we don't know what the current investment level is. Making people aware of the issue is of greater importance. Member Gould will find some exemplar resolutions that the Task Force can model its on.
ACTION ITEM: Bob Gould and Chair Newman will work with Change350 to find exemplar resolutions and circulate to the task force before the next meeting.

Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

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