Committee on Research  
Srikantan Nagarajan, PhD, Chair  

MINUTES  
Monday, November 18, 2013  

PRESENT:  [in room] Chair Nagarajan, S. Chapman, J. Hahn, D. Meyerhoff, E. Murphy, M. Springer, D. Xu  


ABSENT:  P. Flood, D. Fried, S. Ho, J. Long-Boyle, N. Terrault  

GUESTS:  Jennifer Wickre, UCSF Representative, UC Federal Government Relations Office (DC)  
[by phone], and Matija Peterlin, Senate Representative, CSB/UCH Building Update  

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Nagarajan on November 18, 2013 at 10:12 am in room CL-220. A quorum was present.  

Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting were approved. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.  

Chair Announcements  
Chair Nagarajan reminded members of the call for nominations for the Distinction in Teaching and Distinction in Teaching Awards. For DIM, deadline is November 25; for DIT, the deadline’s December 4.  

He also advised that RAP Review Committees are currently meeting. The December Committee on Research meeting agenda will include going over the potential grants  

Chair Nagarajan introduced new COR member Dieter Meyerhoff, Radiology, has joined COR. Dr. Meyerhoff is based at the VAMC.  

Presentation on the Federal Government Relations Office  
Jennifer Wickre, UCSF Representative, provided an overview of the office and its efforts on behalf of UC Systemwide and UCSF in particular. UCSF is the only campus with an office-specific lobbyist.  

Guest Wickre worked for a congressman for ten years, before joining the UC Office. Her focus is biomedical funding. She went over the UCSF Federal government relations 2014 research and policy priorities.  

COR asked about the brain initiative. Guest Wickre advised that it has all the language behind it to be big, but hasn’t yet produced sufficient funding. Research Development Office Director Gretchen Kiser is doing outreach on this.
COR members wondered what the reasons were for changing the salary cap on NIH grants. Guest Wickre advised that the proposal came from House Appropriations Committee to cap salaries. It was not meant to be a permanent cap but has become one.

COR members also wondered about more agencies that are moving into biomedical research (DoD, etc.). Does Capital Hill have any concern with efficiencies in funding models and redundancies in funding efforts. Guest Wickre said that wasn’t a concern at present.

Guest Wickre will circulate her quarterly newsletter to Analyst Cleaver for circulation to COR members moving forward.

**CSB/UCH Building Update**
Matija Peterlin, Senate Representative, provided an update on the status of the academic planning committee: Clinical Sciences building is the most seismically compromised building at Parnassus, then UCH, then Long. Moffitt-Long will eventually be replaced by a new hospital on the LPPI footprint. CSB decant slated to begin in 2015.

The new buildings will be sealed off without hallways between buildings. This is intended to increase security and allow for the open-workspace design similar to Mission Hall. Faculty on the Advisory Board members asked if Campus Planning would wait on the CSB/UCH design to learn from the Mission Hall implementation to see how the Mission Hall design works before implementing in CSB or UCH. Campus administrators replied that they do not have enough time to wait for results. Although University Hall was slated to come down, apparently if the building comes down, the integrity of the hill would be compromised.

The building committee has seen four plans: traditional, hybrid, suite space and activity-based (same as open space). The initial vote on the open space model showed that that idea should be scrapped.

Hybrid II is the idea being promoted now. The Suite Span plan would allow groups to identify themselves within a larger floor plan. All faculty would have offices (60 sq ft). Fifty percent of the space will be offices (formerly named ‘focus rooms’). Corridors would be locked and accessed by safety cards.

No wet labs will be in the buildings; dry labs including some administration will replace whatever wet labs currently sit in the U building. The bottom two floors may be Dean's Offices and/or Chancellor's Offices.

Construction on the U building would take place between 2017-2019. There will be three floors of dormitories and three floors of research to start. By 2019 it'll be all dormitories. Only classrooms affected are Toland Hall and the seventh floor classroom.

Guest Peterlin provided physical blueprints for those COR members in the room. COR members present in the room examined the plan and were pleased by office placement. COR supported the Hybrid II idea as presented. It looks forward to more information to come.

**Old Business**
Mission Bay Building Fall 2014 is the move-in date for those moving into the new Mission Bay Academic Building. Janet Myers was happy to hear of the option that if the space is untenable, the Chancellor will address.

**New Business**
None.

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