School of Dentistry Faculty Council
Mehran Hossaini, DMD, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, April 10, 2014

PRESENT: Mehran Hossaini (Chair), Maria Orellana (Vice Chair), John Featherstone, James Giblin, Natalie La Rochelle, Michael McMaster, Snehlata Oberoi

EXCUSED: Howard Pollick, Daniel Ramos, Caroline Shiboski, Torsten Wittmann

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Maria Guerra, Manager of the Clinical Operations; Lauren Haworth, Finance Manager; Dorothy Perry, Associate Dean of Education and Student Affairs

The School of Dentistry Faculty Council was called to order by Chair Mehran Hossaini on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 8:10 a.m. in room U-506. A quorum was present for school business.

Approval of Minutes from the March 13, 2014 Meeting
Council Members approved the minutes.

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

- Gift and Endowment Assessment Proposal: The Academic Senate continues to work with University leadership on this issue. The current proposal is to increase the percentage assessed to gifts and endowments so that the campus can compensate for increased administrative and core infrastructure costs.

- Oakland Children's Hospital: UCSF recently merged with Oakland Children’s Hospital. While there have been plenty of announcements, specific details on the merger have yet to be released. Faculty still have a lot of questions regarding responsibilities. This is less of an issue for the School of Dentistry as there are no immediate plans to place the school’s faculty at the Oakland location.

- Chancellor’s Search: Faculty, students and staff were invited to attend a series of Town Hall events to voice their opinion on the characteristics the search committee should consider when selecting the new chancellor. Town Halls were not very well attended.

- Student Dismissal Policy: The Coordinating Committee recently approved of bylaw changes to the student conduct policy.

- Email Address Changes: The campus is moving forward with an initiative to change email addresses to one uniform domain. The hope is to have @ucsf.edu at the end of emails.

- Tobacco Policy: The School of Pharmacy has asked the School of Dentistry to support proposed policy condemning the use of Tobacco products.

- Mission Bay Clinical Practice Proposal: The proposal report is now complete and Chair Hossaini has offered to send the report around interested faculty.
Nomination and Election of 2014 – 2015 Vice Chair
Current Vice Chair Maria Orellana nominated member Michael McMaster to be the 2014-2015 Faculty Council Vice Chair. Member McMaster noted that he accepted the nomination. Council members voted and he was approved.

Dean’s Report
Dean John Featherstone reported on the following items:
- **Search for New Orofacial Sciences Department Chair:** The search for the new chair is underway. A search committee is now being formed and a search firm has been hired.
- **Working Group Reports:** The workgroups are now releasing their recommendations. The Online Education and Equipment Leasing groups will be presenting today. Dr. Kirkland will be reporting on the results of the Clinical Working Group to the Dean’s Leadership group in a week. Council members agreed to invite Dr. Kirkland to attend a future meeting to discuss those changes as well.
- **Graduation:** This year’s graduation ceremony will be held at Masonic Hall. In the future, the School will continue to pursue Symphony Hall.

Student Report
Student Representative Natalie La Rochelle reported on the following items:
- **Chancellor’s Search Committee:** The students will be sending a letter to the Chancellor’s Selection Committee. The two issues that will be highlighted include student housing capacity issues and limited campus transportation. The students will highlight the importance of Chancellor’s funding for both issues.
- **Elections for New Student Government:** The elections have started for the school-wide student government. A couple of Dentistry students are running to serve on the Executive Board.

Working Group Reports
At the beginning of the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year, Dean Featherstone formed several working groups to evaluate several recommendations for revenue enhancement and cost savings that were provided by a consultant group. Two of the working groups reviewed the following recommendations:
- **Online Education:** Associate Dean of Education and Student Affairs, Dabby Perry provide the Council with a review of the working group’s research on online education and the recommendations the group provided. She said the working group members learned that so far, the development of online courses has been more expensive, rather than cost savers, compared to traditional face-to-face courses. Furthermore online courses have not improved learning outcomes. For example, Massive Online Offered Courses (MOOCs) have not yet proven to be profitable. As a result of the research, the working group recommends the school should spend its energy and resources on developing hybrid courses now, and later evaluate whether some of the developed material could be offered broadly. Members agreed that while MOOC courses have not brought any money to the university, it has brought tremendous amount of interest to the university and that the public relations component of the offering has been very helpful.
- **Leasing Lab Equipment:** Maria Guerra, Manager of Clinical Operations, and Lauren Haworth, Finance Manager in the Dean’s Office, reviewed the idea of leasing necessary educational lab equipment to students and whether it could generate funds for the school, while at the same time reducing costs for the students. Lauren informed the Council that some of the main challenges the work group identified included issues with accommodating the necessary inventory and incentivizing students to lease equipment from the school rather than purchasing it themselves. The recommendation is that the school should perform further cost analysis on how much students would be charged and whether the school has enough funds to support the new model.

Admissions Report
Assistant Dean of Admissions James Betbeze provided the Council with the results of the last admissions cycle.
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 Hossaini adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

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