Chair’s Report
Chair Hossaini reported on the following issues:
- Academic Senate Leadership Retreat: Chair Hossaini recently attended the Academic Senate’s Leadership Retreat event. At the event, faculty received presentations from the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor, and Senior Vice Chancellor of Finance. One of the notable topics relating to the School of Dentistry regards the planned renovations of the Clinical Science Building and UC Hall. The main concern is whether or not faculty feedback is being considered in the development of workspace plans. Faculty are assigned to the planning committee, but some members noted that meetings have been purely informational.

Dean’s Report
Dean John Featherstone reported on the following items:
- Faculty Workspace: In response to faculty discussion on CSB and UC Hall, the Dean provided clarification on the details of the plans for space planning and department moves during the transition. He encouraged faculty to voice their opinion to the space committee now and not wait until it is too late.
- School Awards: The Dean listed numerous awards that faculty and students have won in the past year. He noted that the Chancellor has taken notice and is proud of the school.
- UC President Visit: UC President Napolitano is scheduled to visit the campus on November 18. Dean Featherstone and Student Representative La Rochelle will take part in welcoming the President and providing a tour of the Dentistry School and Clinic.

Student Report
Student Representative Natalie La Rochelle reported on the following items:
- Research and Clinical Excellence Day: Students felt the day went very well.
• **Improving Efficiency in the Clinic**: Students believe that work in the clinic could be made much more efficient if there were more Periodontists available. La Rochelle noted that Perio consultations often take a long time and this has the potential to frustrate clinicians and patients.

• **Implementation of the Portfolio Exam**: Student leaders met with school administration to survey the classes and determine student ratings.

**Student Status Policies**
Dr. Dorothy Perry, Associate Dean of Education and Student Affairs, attended the meeting to discuss ways to improve student dismissal policies. Chair Hossaini noted that faculty members are concerned with students who are not prepared, academically or professionally, when they reach the clinical years. Chair Hossaini feels that faculty need to articulate guidelines for student professionalism and find ways to catch issues in year one or two. Ideas to address the issue include: The appointment of a student status chair for four years to better understand student progression; the development of a mentoring program that focuses more on academic issues; and the implementation of a new method for faculty to communicate concerns to the student status committee. After discussion, Council resolved to send the item to the Education Policy Committee standing committee for a recommendation.

**Admission Committee Revisions**
To follow up on the discussion held at the fall retreat, to discuss potential solutions to help participation and continuity on the Admissions Committee. Proposals for a solution included extending the term from two years to three years and providing faculty with credit for serving on the labor intensive group. Council members discussed and determined that enforcing a three-year term would discourage faculty from volunteering. Council members agreed and voted to approve the following language:

> 7.2.2.1 Membership. The Admissions Committee will consist of at least 15 members, including a Chair and a Vice Chair. Membership shall fairly reflect the distribution of faculty in the School of Dentistry’s departments. To ensure continuity of the committee, members can be reappointed by the Faculty Council Chair for additional service beyond the required two years. The Dean or his/her designee will serve as an ex-officio member.

Next the change will go to the Rules and Jurisdiction Committee for review. If approved, the changes will go to the Full Faculty for a vote, most likely by email.

**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**
Member Caroline Shiboski requested that over the course of the year, the Council should review faculty participation in the D1 mentoring program. Members agreed to add this to the Council’s agenda for the year.

Member Howard Pollick and Associate Dean Perry informed the Council that the Committee on Education Policy will be proposing revisions to student dismissal regulations.

Chair Hossaini adjourned the meeting at 9:32 am.

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