School of Medicine Faculty Council
Ellen Weber, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

PRESENT: Ellen Weber (Chair), Renee Binder, Susannah Cornes, Teresa De Marco, Judith Ford, Ruth Goldstein, Celia Kaplan, Tim Kelly, Dana Rohde, Phil Rosenthal, Lydia Zablotska

ABSENT: Marcelle Cedars (Vice Chair), Robert Baron, Cynthia Curry, Teresa De Marco, Ruth Goldstein, Sam Hawgood, Catherine Lucey, Joseph Sullivan, Jack Resneck Jr.

GUESTS: Matt Springer, Member of the Campus Indirect Cost Waiver Task Force

Chair Ellen Weber called the Faculty Council meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. in room N - 617.

Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2013
Council members approved the minutes.

Chair’s Report
Chair Weber reported on the following items:

- Acknowledgement of Incoming and Outgoing Members
  Chair Weber welcomed new members, Susannah Cornes, Tim Kelly and Dana Rohde. She then thanked the outgoing members, Alma Martinez and Heather Nye for their service.

- Role of the Faculty Council: The Faculty Council is the representative body of all the faculty of the School of Medicine. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Council are responsible for representing members on school and campuswide committees.

- Academic Senate Committee Chairs Meeting: Chair Weber attended an orientation meeting for committee chairs on September 9. At this meeting the Chair of the Division discussed the principles of shared governance at UC and what that means for faculty. Faculty also received a presentation on the financial status of UCSF. The most notable items from the presentation included new information on the flow of state funds from the UC Office of the President and news that early estimates show Operational Excellence has saved the university the projected 50 million. The savings were mainly realized in the area of procurement.

- Remaining Bylaw Changes: UC Systemwide Parliamentarian and former UCSF Division Parliamentarian Jean Olson pointed out the need for additional changes to help clarify the bylaws. A vote on the changes will be conducted by email.

Election of Vice Chair
Chair Weber called an election for the Vice Chair of the Council. To follow up on the Vice Chair nomination of Marcelle Cedars last year, Chair Weber asked faculty members to vote to approve, disapprove of candidate Cedars. Members voted and approved.
Update on the Work of the Indirect Cost Waiver Task Force

Associate Professor Matt Springer, an Academic Senate representative on the Campus Indirect Cost Waiver Task Force, was invited by the Council to review the charge of the task force, the recent work of the group and the next steps for the development of a waiver policy. Last year, Associate Vice Chancellor of Research Susanne Hildebrand-Zanki formed a task force to review the current indirect cost recovery policies and develop needed guidelines for how the waiver policy is administered. The reason why new guidelines are needed is because not only does a policy not currently exist, but the campus has been losing money on grants from sources that do not pay the necessary indirect costs. While previously accepted, the practice of issuing waivers to all members of UCSF who receive grants from under-paying sources has become unsustainable as costs increase and revenue sources become scarce.

Over the summer, the Indirect Cost Waiver Task Force reviewed all the information related to the issue and a recommendation report has been developed. Dr. Springer informed the Council that he would like to share the recommendations, but it is still early in the process as campus leadership must first review and develop a final proposal. He did inform the Council that he could share the task force’s underlying principles used in the development of the recommendation. When first reviewing the issue, Dr. Springer and other faculty members were concerned that any guidelines that would set a floor on indirect costs percentages may restrict junior faculty from applying to smaller foundation grants and mid-career faculty from anything that will help them meet funding gaps. With these concerns, the group agreed upon the following principle: All recommendations would ensure that members of UCSF should not be prevented from applying to crucial research funding. To ensure that this was sustainable, it would have to be transparent in where other sources of funding would be coming from to meet the needed indirect costs.

Dr. Springer informed the Council that the Task Force is near the completion of a report that will be sending a report to the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor for review. Once he has reviewed the document will be sent out for campus review. At this point the Academic Senate and the Faculty Council should have an opportunity to review and comment as well.

Review of the 2013-2014 Agenda Topics

Chair Weber reviewed a list of potential 2013-2014 agenda topics. She also asked members to contribute topics they wish the Council to address during the year. Below is the list of topics that Council is interested in for the year’s business:

- Funds Flow Changes
- Indirect Cost Waiver Policy Recommendation
- Operational Excellence
- Space Planning
- Monitoring the Redesign of Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum
- Changes in the CTSI Grant Guidelines
- Review of Exit Survey Data
- Review of Faculty Benefits
- UCSF 2025 Results and UCSF 2.0

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Chair Weber adjourned the committee at 5:00pm.

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