Sustainability Task Force
Arianne Teherani, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Monday, February 3, 2013

PRESENT: Arianne Teherani (Chair), Susan Ryan (Vice Chair), Robert Gould, Michael Martin, Tom Newman, Maria Raven, Steve Schroeder, Torsten Wittmann

ABSENT: Timothy McCalmont, Ellen Weber

GUEST(S): Lucia Sayre and Sapna Thottathil, Healthcare Without Harm Program, Physicians for Social Responsibility

The Sustainability Task Force was called to order by Chair Teherani on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 9:15am in room CL-223. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from the December 2, 2013 Meeting
The minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved as amended.

Chair’s Report
Chair Teherani discussed

Analyst Cleaver discussed the climate at UCSF in regards to sustainability efforts and in the context of faculty concerns over administrative overwork. At several meetings, faculty have asked the Senate Analysts how sustainability fits into the overall tripartite mission at UCSF. Moving forward, CoS will direct its efforts along that tripartite mission. UCSF faculty strongly support sustainability efforts, but are having difficulty with NIH caps on funding and overall economic situation.

Ongoing Matters
Spring 2014 Health and Sustainability Summit
G. Lee solicited the Committee’s input regarding the summit on May 29, 2014. Current concerns are:

1. Development of small breakout groups which will reconvene to discuss and move ideas forward.
2. Three major presentations planned.
   a. An invitation has been made to UC President Napolitano to introduce presenter Jeffrey Thompson.

Chair Teherani summarized the issues for continued discussion:

1. The agenda’s focus needs to be further narrowed
   a. Ideas proposed: “What Would it Take for UCSF to be a National Leader in Health & Sustainability?”
   b. This will tie in with both the 150th Anniversary as well as President Napolitano’s commitment to sustainability.
Status of Sustainable Food Communication and Changes at UCSF

• The Committee heard updates from both Lucia Sayre and Sapna Thottathil from Physicians for Social Responsibility on the status of procurement issues. Three current hotspots gathering momentum are: California, upper Midwest (Michigan/Illinois/Ohio) and Maryland.
• Committee also wanted to invite Dan Henroid or Jack Henderson to a future meeting to discuss current status of hospital efforts, and separately, UCSF vendor efforts around sustainability food purchases.
• Outreach Plan to other universities:
  o PSR is hosting a three-part webinar series – April-June 2014 -- focusing on marine science and policy regarding antibiotic-free meat/poultry; what medical professionals can do around developing such an antibiotic-free program; and finally, procurement.
  ▪ Mike Martin and Tom Newman both expressed interest in participating.
  ▪ UCSF Senate can deliver a communication to all Senate offices to have them circulate to their campus-specific listservs – as an invitation to faculty to attend.
    ▪ Individual UCSF faculty can send out the Invitation to their own contacts throughout the country.
  ▪ Members also proposed Kathleen Reed at Kaiser and at UCLA, Dick Jackson.
  ▪ We can coordinate with Matt St. Clair at UCOP.
  ▪ The Medical Centers Sustainability Officers Group may be another pathway.

Divestment from Fossil Fuels Resolution

• Task Force at UCOP is exploring all socially responsibility investments, not just divestment from fossil fuels. Conversations with Ken Feer, UCFW and TFIR Analyst, UCOP, suggested that at present UCOP is not open to hearing more discussions on this topic. However, a suggestion was made to have UCSF Senate Office contact other campuses through their Academic Senate to create a uniform Systemwide Resolution on Divestment from Fossil Fuels.
• This combined resolution will have more weight than each campus providing a single one.
• Guest Newman contacted a UCB faculty member involved in this topic at their campus. Chair Teherani and Analyst Cleaver can follow up with this faculty member if the committee chooses to do so.
• Gail Lee, Sustainability manager, spoke to a finance contact at SFSU. This campus worked with their board to identify divestment issues. Discovering three funds that invested in fossil fuels, they immediately began divesting from them. They have a five year timeline to fully divest.
  o While their endowment was small and contribution to the funds minimal, the biggest win is their process for identifying funds and eliminating participation in it. This process they can share and it can be replicated at other campuses.
• Analyst Cleaver will provide the Divestment Resolution with a cover letter communication to the Coordinating Committee (CC) for discussion and review at the next CC meeting.

Working with Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) to Introduce Sustainability into the Curriculum

• Establishing contact with other schools and finding people in those schools to move this endeavor forward. Preliminary discussion with SON revealed that their Environmental Health program was disbanded due to lack of interest; currently both UCD and UCB have the strongest programs.
• For SOM, Latifat Apatira is available to pursue SOM curriculum to the next step. They haven't taken her up on that yet. She can move forward with interviewing course directors.
• The SOD discussion is ongoing through CS member Torsten Wittmann. There is a March 1 SOD Retreat on “Curriculum in 2025.” A short Sustainability presentation can focus on: “what we've done, what we plan to do, and what we hope to achieve.” Have objectives/goals be broad and include more than just Green Dentistry.
• Analyst Cleaver will ask Analyst Cardenas who to speak with within SOP on introducing Sustainability into their curriculum.
Committee members also discussed development of an online course (Corsera) on “Sustainability in Health” that is a requirement for all UCSF students? Maybe develop it through the Learning Management System.

**Old Business**
None

**New Business**
None

**Adjournment**
Chair Teherani adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.

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