



**School of Dentistry Faculty Council**  
**Nina Agabian, PhD, Chair**

## ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

**Primary Focus Points for the Year:**

- MS Degree in Dental Hygiene
- Research and Clinical Excellence Day
- DDS-Masters in Clinical Research

**Task Forces, Special Committees, and Sub-Committees:**

- Task Force to Review and Recommend Comment on the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) and Coordinating Council on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) Revised Proposal on the Role of Graduate Students In University Instruction (Daniel Fried)
- Task Force to Review the Proposed Revisions to the Health Sciences Code of Conduct (Peter Loomer)
- Sustainability Task Force (Gwen Essex, Paul Green)
- Task Force to Review the Revised Proposed Health Care Vendor Relations Policy (Gary Armitage, Stuart Gansky)

**Issues for Next Year (2008-2009)**

- Strategic Plan
- Regularization of the Appointment Process
- All-School Event
- Bylaw Revisions

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**2007-2008 Members**

**Nina Agabian, Chair**  
**Caroline Shiboski, Vice-Chair**  
Stuart Gansky, Secretary  
Sheila Brear  
Pamela Den Besten  
Fritz Finzen  
Janice Lee  
Peter Loomer  
Lenore Pereira

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**Ex-Officio Members**

John Featherstone, Interim Dean  
Nathan Granillo (ADS President, Student Representative)

**Number of Meetings: 10**

**Senate Analyst: Shilpa Patel**

### **Clinician of the Year Award/Research and Clinical Excellence Day**

Every year during the School of Dentistry's Research Day, an outstanding researcher is selected for the Researcher of the Year Award. The Faculty Council, concerned with the lack of recognition for outstanding clinicians, proposed creation of such an award. The subcommittee, chaired by Fritz Finzen and Peter Loomer, set out to ensure that both awards would carry the same prestige. Accordingly, the subcommittee recommended that both awardees be recognized on the same day and that the name of Research Day be changed to reflect both the research and clinical missions. In May 2008, the Council voted to rename Research Day to Research and Clinical Excellence Day.

### **DDS-Masters in Clinical Research**

The Council reviewed a proposal for a DDS–Master's in Clinical Research (DDS-MCR) program. ([Appendix 1](#)) The program would draw on clinical & translational research resources as well as leading educational programs within the School of Dentistry and within our other 3 Professional Schools (Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing). The program will train dental clinician-scientists (Scholars) who will be future leaders in clinical and translational research. This will require implementation of a comprehensive, structured and rigorous education program that will provide rich training for dental school Scholars leading to the DDS and MCR degrees in 5 years. The program will be partnered with the nationally recognized and highly successful clinical research training program based in the UCSF School of Medicine (Training in Clinical Research, TICR) to create a unique cross-disciplinary, integrated clinical and translational research training experience. This DDS-MCR program will meet the needs of both the Scholars and the oral health research community, providing training that assures continuing access to cutting-edge science, state-of-the-art research tools, and the innovative, cross-disciplinary, team-based perspectives required by today's complex scientific problems.

The Council, citing the multidisciplinary clinical and translational research training and the goal of playing a leadership role at the local and national level through dissemination of education and research method tools, agreed that such a program would be instrumental to the School's mission. Accordingly, the Council unanimously approved the proposal.

### **Masters in Dental Hygiene**

The Council reviewed a proposal for a new interdisciplinary program that would lead to a Masters of Science in Dental Hygiene. ([Appendix 2](#)) The program would be housed in the department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences. The over-arching goal is to prepare graduates to engage in interdisciplinary evidence-based problem solving related to oral disease prevention and health promotion across the lifespan to improve oral health in various populations. Due to the high number of retirees and the low number of scholars being produced, there is a shortage of dental hygiene educators. There is also an increase in demand for dental hygienists.

After thoroughly reviewing the history, support, curriculum, courses, oral qualifying exam, field work, and the comprehensive examination of the program, the Council moved to support the Masters of Science in Dental Hygiene Program.

### **Diversity Committee**

Recognizing the importance of diversity in the School, the Dean appointed a Diversity Committee chaired by Linda Centore. The committee will consist of 8-10 people and will have a budget to put on functions promoting diversity throughout the year.

## Task Forces and Other Committee Service

This year, members of the School of Dentistry Faculty Council or their designees served on the following Academic Senate task forces or other campus committees as representatives of the School of Dentistry or the School of Dentistry Faculty Council. or the Academic Senate. Where possible, reports from these task forces or committees are linked to or attached to this Annual Report.

- Task Force to Review the Revised Proposed Health Care Vendor Relations Policy ([Appendix 3](#))
- Task Force to Review Revised Proposal on the Role of Graduate Students In University Instruction ([Appendix 4](#))
- Task Force to Review the Proposed Revisions to the Health Sciences Code of Conduct ([Appendix 5](#))

## Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions which the Committee will continue into 2008-2009:

### **School of Dentistry Strategic Plan**

The School has already taken steps to assemble a Strategic Plan. Major efforts will begin in the fall after the School of Dentistry Leadership Retreat.

### **All School Function**

The Faculty Council will continue to support and be advisory to the School's initiative to bring back an all-school event.

### **Regularization of Council Appointment Process**

Due to the low participation of faculty members in the Council and its various subcommittees, the Faculty Council will be implementing steps to regularize Council membership. Working with all Department Chairs, the Faculty Council hopes to have a rotating schedule so that all members will serve equally.

### **Bylaw Revisions**

The bylaws of the School of Dentistry need to be updated to reflect the curriculum change. Further, the Faculty Council would like to codify more clearly the responsibilities of the Faculty Council and all of the subcommittees.

## Appendices

- [Appendix 1:](#) Proposal: DDS-Masters in Clinical Research
- [Appendix 2:](#) Proposal: Masters in Dental Hygiene
- [Appendix 3:](#) Communication from the Task Force to Review Policy Regarding Vendor Relations to Senate Chair Gardner (November 21, 2007)
- [Appendix 4:](#) Communication from the Task Force to Review Revised Proposal on the Role of Graduate Students In University Instruction (December 17, 2007)
- [Appendix 5:](#) Communication from the Task Force to Review the Proposed Revisions to the Health Sciences Code of Conduct (May 5, 2008)

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