

# THE SENATE PAGE

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## Message from the Chair

Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH

Dear Colleagues,

As the Chair of the UCSF Academic Senate for 2009-11, I represent you to the UCSF leadership and the UC Systemwide leaders. At UCSF, I meet with the Chancellor every month to discuss issues and to find opportunities to work collaboratively. At the UC Systemwide level, I represent our faculty at the [Academic Council](#) and the [Academic Assembly](#). On our campus I oversee the work of the UCSF Academic Senate's 19 [standing committees](#), as well as task forces and ad hoc committees that are formed during the year.

As you might expect, [furloughs and budget issues](#) continue to be the main focus of discussions at UC Systemwide meetings. On our campus in February, we will meet with Interim Provost of Academic Affairs, Lawrence Pitts, to discuss the future of UC's [Post Employment \(Retirement\) Benefits](#). And a special thanks to Dr. Kit Chesla from the School of Nursing,

who chaired a task force that reviewed our progress on the 2003 Report on Faculty Recruitment, Retention and Promotion (aka "[the Armitage Report](#)"). These are two examples of the range of issues that are being discussed in the Academic Senate. For more information, I encourage you to speak with colleagues who are active in the Academic Senate, visit our website at [senate.ucsf.edu](#) or send me a message at [academic.senate@ucsf.edu](mailto:academic.senate@ucsf.edu).

Sincerely,



Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH  
Chair, UCSF Academic Senate, 2009-2011



Jacque Duncan, MD, Chair  
Committee on Faculty Welfare

### Focus ON:

#### Jacque Duncan, MD

Jacque Duncan, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, received a Bachelor's of Science from Stanford University then completed medical school and ophthalmology residency at UCSF. She spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania completing a medical retina fellowship before returning to UCSF to complete a K-08 training grant studying inherited retinal degenerations with Matthew LaVail, PhD.

Entering her second year as Chair of the Committee on Faculty Welfare, Jacque has led the Committee on a wide array of issues ranging from transportation and parking to benefits and furloughs.

Additionally this year, along with Academic Senate Vice Chair Robert Newcomer, Jacque has spearheaded efforts to help clarify post-retirement benefits. Post-retirement benefits include the UC pension plan and retiree health benefits. Through her work with the University Committee on Faculty

Welfare Task Force on Investment and Retirement, Jacque coordinated efforts to ensure that the Post Employment Benefit Forums were well attended and focused on faculty concerns.

For more information about the Committee on Faculty Welfare and [post employment benefits](#), please visit the Committee's [web page](#) (also accessible via [senate.ucsf.edu](#)).

## Issues in the Spotlight:

### UC Commission on the Future - UCSF Faculty Representatives Selected

Molly Cooke, David Gardner, Deborah Greenspan, Kevin Grumbach, and Stanley Prusiner have been selected to sit on these following committees (respectively) of the UC Commission on the Future: Access and Affordability, Education and Curriculum, Funding Strategies, Research Strategies, and Size and Shape. In addition, as the Immediate Past Chair of the UC Systemwide Academic Council, UCSF's Mary Croughan is a member of the Commission. The UC Commission on the Future was created to develop a new vision for the University within the context of the University's mission and budget, while reaffirming the UC commitment to quality, access and affordability. More information can be found at: <http://senate.ucsf.edu/0-currentissues/uccommissiononthefuture.php>

### The Future of UC Post Employment (Retirement) Benefits

Since October 2009, the UCSF Academic Senate has actively communicated faculty concerns and sought transparency and improved communication from the Task Force on the Future of UC Post Employment Benefits. The correspondence and additional information can be found at: <http://senate.ucsf.edu/0-currentissues/ucpostemploymentbenefits.html>

### Google Books Settlement

In August 2006, UC became the sixth Google partner library by signing an agreement to digitize 2.5 million volumes from the UC library collections. To learn how the subsequent lawsuit and settlement will affect UCSF faculty please visit <http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/google>.

Senate **Issues Under Review** are continually updated on the Senate website at [senate.ucsf.edu/hottopics/](http://senate.ucsf.edu/hottopics/).

## Meet the Senate Leadership



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## Important Dates and Deadlines

**February 17**, Shared Equipment Grants Due

**March 1**, Coordinating Committee

**March 24**, Individual Investigator Grant Applications Due

**April 14**, Distinguished Faculty Awards Ceremony:  
Distinction In Teaching and Distinction In Mentoring

**April 20**, Faculty Research Lecture

**April 30**, Distinguished Clinical Research Lecture  
Nominations Due

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