School of Medicine Faculty Council Orientation
What is the Academic Senate?
Academic Senate

- Is the governing body of the faculty.
- Is the platform from which faculty exercise shared governance of the University.
- Is advisory to the Chancellor on the promotion and appointment of its faculty.
- Is advisory to the Chancellor and President on campus and University budgetary matters.
- Has delegated authority over courses, curricula, and degrees.
- At UCSF, holds the interests of faculty in all 5 academic series.
Academic Senate

Systemwide
- Academic Council
- Standing Committees
- Task Forces
- Faculty Councils

UCSF Division
- Executive Council
- Standing Committees
- Task Forces

UCSF School of Medicine
- Dean
  - 9 Vice Deans
  - 28 Department Chairs
  - 15 Associate Deans
  - 14 Directors
    - 8 Organized Research Unit Directors
    - 6 Interdisciplinary Center Directors

School of Medicine Faculty Council (representing 3,775 faculty members)

Link: School of Medicine Organizational Chart
What is the School of Medicine Faculty Council?
Membership

Members. The Council of the Faculty shall have ten elected members, five ex officio members, and one representative member. (Am. 9/91, 4/92, 6/93 & 7/13) Elected: Representing the broad interests and activities of the School of Medicine, the Faculty shall elect six members from the Ladder Rank, In Residence and Clinical X series, and four members from the Health Science Clinical and Adjunct series. No more than two members from one department and its divisions may serve simultaneously. (Am. 9/91, 4/92, & 7/13)

Ex Officio - The ex officio members shall be: The Dean, the Vice Dean for Education, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, and the Chair of the Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy.

Representative – The Council shall include one representative from the UCSF Fresno Campus
Duties and Powers

1. In accordance with Division Bylaw 95, the Council of the Faculty shall have authority to act for the Faculty, or to delegate to the Dean authority to act, in the following matters:

   • in approving petitions of students to graduate under suspension of the Regulations;
   • in approving the awarding of degrees, certificates and honors at graduation;
   • in exercising its jurisdiction over scholastically disqualified students;
   • in dismissing students for causes other than scholastic disqualification.

   All actions carried out under these provisions shall be reported to the Faculty at least once annually.

2. The Council of the Faculty may act for the Faculty with respect to any subject delegated to it by the Faculty and may advise the Dean upon his/her request.
Duties and Powers (continued)

3. The Council of the Faculty shall approve all appointments of the Standing Committees of the Faculty established by these Bylaws. New Standing Committees of the Faculty shall be authorized by vote of the Faculty. Special committees of the faculty may be authorized by the Council of the Faculty or by the Faculty. Such special committees shall be appointed by the Council of the Faculty.

4. The Council of the Faculty may establish and maintain liaison with the Faculties of the other Schools of the Division and of other Divisions of the Senate.

5. The Council of the Faculty shall report to the Faculty at least once each Fall, Winter, and Spring academic term.
What are the Standing Committees? (DUTY 3)

- Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy
- Committee on Admissions
- Committee on Academic Progress for the School of Medicine
- Undergraduate Medical Education Programs
- Committee on Academic Standards
Full Faculty Meetings (DUTY 5)

The Faculty shall meet at least once during each Fall, Winter, and Spring academic term and at the call of either of its officers, the Dean, the Faculty Council, or upon written request of ten members of the Faculty.

*Section I.4.A. of the Bylaws of the Faculty of the School of Medicine*

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Now what?
What can we do?
• Elevate
• Amplify
• Advise
• Approve (or not)

What are our tools?
• Meetings
• Letters
• Faculty Outreach
• Voting
Now I understand what the SOMFC is and what the SOMFC can do.

How should I feel about all this?
Governance
Gardeners