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## Message from the Chair

#### Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH

Dear Colleagues,

This edition, I would like to turn your attention to Academic Senate service - specifically, how it benefits you and how you can participate. To our non-Senate faculty who continue to serve, I assure you that the UCSF Academic Senate is persistently advocating on your behalf. We have formed a task force to address the disparities. Read more about this task force in the Issues in the Spotlight section below.

I encourage you all to respond to the Call for Service on February 15, 2011. This year, the Call for Service will be deployed in an exciting new way -- via the Senate Service Portal (more information below). Please take a moment to sign in and sign up!

For more information about the Senate, visit our website <a href="http://senate.ucsf.edu">http://senate.ucsf.edu</a> or send me a message at <a href="mailto:academic.senate@ucsf.edu">academic.senate@ucsf.edu</a>.

Sincerely,

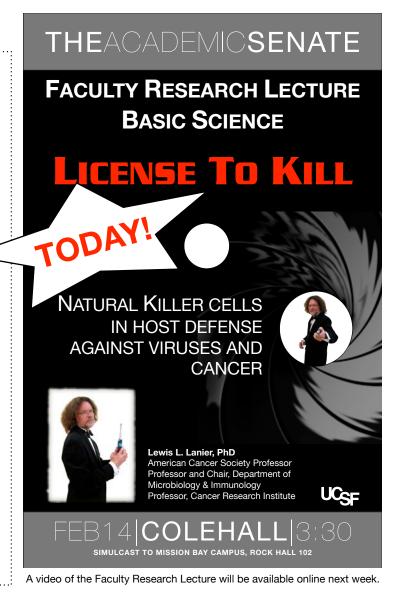
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## How Can You Participate in the Academic Senate?

The best way to participate in the Academic Senate is by joining one of our standing committees. This year, the Academic Senate is proud to unveil the Senate Service Portal (SSP) which will allow members to sign up for committees, view individual service records, respond to surveys, and participate in elections. The official Call for Service will be released on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. Users are required to login via the MyAccess home page and click on the link to the Senate Service Portal. For more information, please contact Executive Director Heather Alden at heather.alden@ucsf.edu.



#### **SENATE BY-THE-NUMBERS**

Over the past year:

Number of Faculty Grievances Reviewed 4 Number of Research Grants Awarded 16 Number of Dollars Awarded \$530,632 Average Monthly Website Page Views 16,000

Over the past five months:

Number of Senate Meetings 100 Number of Ongoing Stewardship Reviews 10 Number of Academic Personnel Files Reviewed 242 Number of Course Forms Processed 669

## **Issues in the Spotlight:**

Task Force on Academic Senate Membership—*UCSF Faculty Lobby for Representation for Non-Senate Faculty* In response to a recent UC system-wide task force report regarding Senate membership, the UCSF Academic Senate has charged a divisional task force to address the inequitable exclusion of engaged faculty, specifically faculty in the Adjunct and the Health Sciences Clinical series, from membership in the Academic Senate. This group aims to have recommendations for Chancellor Desmond-Hellmann by June 2011. To track the progress of our efforts, visit the task force's website, accessible from the Senate Home Page > Issues Under Review.

#### Response to the Proposal to Change UC Funding Streams

In January, the Committee on Academic Planning & Budget (APB) responded to the *University of California Funding Streams Proposal* prepared by Budget and Capital Resources and Student Affairs and issued December 21, 2010. The proposal includes allowing all revenues to remain at source campuses, implementation of a new assessment to support central operations, and changes to methodologies for redistributing undesignated State funding augmentation or reduction. More information is available via our home page under Announcements (senate.ucsf.edu).



#### Focus ON: Alison Cleaver

A second-generation UCSF employee, Alison Cleaver joined the Academic Senate in the Spring of 2009, after happily exiting life in a top 20 global law firm. Alison staffs the Committees on Clinical Affairs, Educational Policy and Research as well as the Graduate Council, the School of Pharmacy Faculty Council, and the School of Medicine Faculty Council. Alison holds degrees in Communications & Marketing from the University of California, San Diego, and an MFA, Creative Writing from the University of San Francisco. Alison appreciates that her legal and writing background able her to aptly navigate Senate bylaws and policies, which translates into taking her committees' work to the next level.

Outside of work, Alison is a performing Lindy Hop and Charleston Swing dancer, makes a mean Moroccan Chicken Tagine, and is currently revising the next great historical novel. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:alison.cleaver@ucsf.edu">alison.cleaver@ucsf.edu</a>

### **Committee Minute: Privilege and Tenure**

**Upholding Faculty Members' Rights and Privileges** 

The Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P&T) is charged with addressing all matters affecting privilege or tenure of all members of the Academic Senate or officers of instruction in the San Francisco Division. For a faculty member who feels they have been aggrieved, P&T serves as a valuable resource. P&T can help with mediation by facilitating or participating in the process, referring the faculty member to an advisory panelist, and eventually, if necessary, conducting a hearing to investigate the charges should there be evidence of a prima facie case. For more information on the grievance process, visit the P&T FAQs (PDF). For a more detailed explanation, visit the newly revised Privilege and Tenure Guidelines and Procedures (PDF). These resources are available online on the P&T web page, accessible from the Senate home page.

#### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

**TODAY!** Faculty Research Lecture, Basic Science

March 7, Coordinating Committee

February 28, Research Grants Due

**April 6**, Distinguished Faculty Awards Ceremony for Distinction in Teaching and Mentoring

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