School of Dentistry Faculty Council
Janice Lee, DDS, MD, MS, Chair

MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2009

PRESENT: Janice Lee (Chair), Stefan Habelitz (Vice Chair), Arndt Klocke, John Featherstone, Nina Agabian, Stuart Gansky, Mehran Hossaini, Ophir Klein, Sophia Saeed

GUESTS: Mark Dellinges, Anthony Pogrel

The School of Dentistry Faculty was called to order by Chair Lee on December 17, 2009 at 8:09 a.m. in room S-719. A quorum was present.

Chair’s Report
Chair Lee made these announcements:
• At the Academic Senate Executive Committee meeting, members discussed indirect cost recovery and the letter to Larry Pitts regarding post-employment benefits.
• The Academic Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Budget (APB) met last week. Vice Chair Habelitz attended and reported that the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing indirect cost and what action can be taken to increase revenue and what cuts could be made. He commented on the dire need for the University to increase PR efforts in order to gain support for higher education from the voting public.

Dean’s Report
Dean Featherstone made these announcements:
• Caroline Damsky is retiring as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Peter Sargent will assume the position as of February 1 and will step down as interim chair of CTB. In his new role, he will be dealing primarily with faculty issues. Dorothy Perry will be the Associate Dean for Education and Student Affairs.
• He has received an interim report from the PRDS Chair Search Committee. Bottom line, the Committee is still looking for candidates. Bill Bird has agreed to remain as interim chair.
• The Senior Leadership Retreat on Climate and Culture was intense and productive.
• Strategic Planning initiatives will roll our early in the new year.
• Admissions are going well. About half of the offers have gone out and he has personally called over half of the admits. Also, the Dean’s Opportunity Scholarship has been offered.
• He had a very successful meeting the the alumni who will donate funds for another scholarship for the current enrollment period. Chair Lee commented that there need to be a greater PR push where scholarships are concerned.
• Research and Clinical Excellence Day is set for October 6, 2010

Student Representative Report
No report.
Report from the Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs – A. Pogrel
A. Pogrel discussed two high-fee programs coming to the school. The first is based on the old preceptor program. Students would come from abroad for three month modules ranging from wisdom teeth extraction to orthodontics. After 9/11, the School had to halt administration of the program. Due to the high demand, the program is being resurrected. The fees for the program have not yet been set.

The second program is geared towards training international dental faculty. Many countries are increasing the number of dental schools and programs – especially in India and the Middle East. While these facilities are exceedingly modern, they do lack faculty. Ideally, these schools would like to graduate their students and send them to graduate dentistry programs so that they can return as faculty. The greatest need is for general dentists. The program here will attempt to address this need with a four year program: two years in the GPR program, one year in the masters program in oral and craniofacial biology, and one year in the Teacher Training Program through the School of Medicine. Since this is not technically a new program, it does not need to go through the usual approval process.

Update on WASC – J. Castro and D. Perry
J. Castro and D. Perry brought the Council up to speed on the WASC accreditation, particularly the student learning outcomes. The Learning Outcomes Subcommittee, charged with addressing the relevant recommendations and issues brought to light by WASC subsequent to its February 2009 site visit, has been spending a considerable amount of time dealing with global learning outcomes as outlined in Recommendation 4 from the site visit. The Subcommittee is in the final stage -- “educational effectiveness review stage”. WASC will be visiting next October.

J. Lee charged EPC to work on with the Subcommittee on the WASC accreditation process.

Exam Proctoring
The Committee agreed that EPC should review this issue and return to the Council with its recommendation.

Departmental Reports
Cell and Tissue Biology – Nina Agabian
No report.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – Janice Lee
No report.

Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences – Stuart Gansky
The search is ongoing for a department chair and three other positions.

Orofacial Sciences – Ophir Klein
The department is looking for an orthodontics chair. They are currently reviewing a strong applicant pile.

Committee Reports
None.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

There being no further business, Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

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