### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

#### Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 4, 2010

# **ONCOGENEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware  | 033-80623                                  | 95-4343413  |
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| (State or other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation)                                     | (Commission File Number)                   | (IRS Employer Identification No.)                 |
| 1522 217th Place S.E.<br>Bothell, Washington  |  | 98021   |
| (Address of Principal Executive   | Offices)                                   | (Zip Code)  |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (425) 686-1500                    |  |   |
| (Former name or former address if changed since last report.)                         |  |   |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form<br>under any of the following provisions: | a 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously | y satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant |
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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 4, 2010, the Board of Directors of OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. approved new charters for the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee, to supersede in their entirety the Company's prior charters for these two committees. The new charters were adopted as part of an annual review of the Company's various corporate governance policies. Copies of the new charters are available on the Company's website at www.oncogenex.com.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

# **ONCOGENEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.** (Registrant)

Date: March 10, 2010

By: /s/ Cameron Lawrence

Name: Cameron Lawrence Title: Principal Financial Officer