COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING
AND BUDGET
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Re: Proposal for UCSF Institute for Global Health

Dear Len,

At the October meeting of the Committee on Academic Planning and Budget (APB), we reviewed the communication from the Task Force on Review of the Proposed UCSF Institute for Global Health (IGH) (dated July 7, 2003) submitted by Task Force Chair Sharon Hall and countersigned by yourself. When APB reviewed the report, a number of questions arose regarding the level of financial support for research administration in the new Institute, as well as potential overlap of IGH activities with those of the Global Health Sciences (GHS) unit that is being assembled under the direction of Dr. Haile Debas. With these questions in mind, the Committee asked Dr. George Rutherford, Interim Director of the IGH, to attend our APB meeting on November 13, 2003 to help in bringing these remaining concerns to closure. Dr. Rutherford addressed our concerns regarding financial support and indicated that there are adequate funds in reserves and unrestricted grant income to support the anticipated research administration activities of the Institute for the next five years. APB regards this as adequate to safeguard the stability of research administration in the Institute. With regard to the interactions with the Global Health Sciences activities, he elaborated more completely on the operations of IGH compared with those of GHS. It is clear that they will not be overlapping either thematically or financially, although there is ample opportunity for synergistic interaction in the future.

On the whole, APB accepts Dr. Rutherford’s clarifications and lends its full support to the establishment of IGH as an Organized Research Unit on the UCSF campus.

Respectfully,

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