Communication from Committee on Educational Policy
Dennis F. Deen PhD, Chair

TO: Coordinating Committee
Leonard Zegans, MD, Chair

FROM: Committee on Educational Policy
Dennis F. Deen PhD, Chair

RE: Report on Teaching Facilities at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

DATE: June 9, 2005

Dear Chair Zegans and Members of the Committee:

Attached is a report from the Committee on Educational Policy’s Teaching Facilities Subcommittee (TFS) regarding the current status of educational space on the UCSF campus. The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) formally submits this report for consideration by the Coordinating Committee.

In October 2004 the TFS was charged with the task of determining the current status of classroom availability on the Parnassus campus and what plans existed for creating new educational facilities at other UCSF sites. In March 2005 the TFS met with Lori Yamauchi, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Planning. At this meeting AVC Yamauchi presented the subcommittee with a comprehensive overview of the history of campus planning at the University.

The TFS has reviewed documentation submitted to the subcommittee by AVC Yamauchi outlining the extensive work that has been done campus wide on this issue. The attached report is a summary of the challenges facing the administration as they plan for the acquisition of adequate educational facilities and develop a plan to properly utilize existing space for teaching, research, etc. The report concludes by providing recommendations on how the TFS feels these challenges can be addressed in the future.

The CEP believes that this is an ideal time for the Academic Senate to be proactive in ensuring that the voice of the faculty is considered in the ongoing campus planning discussions. Based on the findings of the subcommittee, we strongly recommend that a Senate Task Force be formed to work in conjunction with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and Planning in an attempt address the educational space needs of the campus in the near future.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at (415) 476-4590 or ddeen@itsa.ucsf.edu.

cc: Educational Policy Committee Members