Communication from the Clinical Affairs Committee
Brad Hare, MD, Chair

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George Rutherford, MD, Chair
Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications
500 Parnassus Avenue, Box 0764

Re: Review of the Recommendation on Mission Bay Library Space

Dear Chair Rutherford,

The Clinical Affairs Committee (CAC) of the UCSF Academic Senate discussed the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication's space recommendations for the Mission Bay Libraries in our meeting on March 24, 2010. Members strongly endorsed the recommendations outlined in the Library Master Plan, including a larger consolidated library at Mission Bay and secure 24-hour library access at all UCSF locations.

From a clinical perspective, CAC members emphasized the importance of the Mission Bay Library to support the clinical mission of UCSF and asked that COLASC consider the following when further developing the proposal:

1. Expanding the library space at Mission Bay, especially the creation of and use of small conference rooms. Clinicians use such rooms 24/7 for case conferencing as well as for trainee meetings. As clinical services migrate to Mission Bay, the creation of a 24/7 access space, which includes conference rooms, is vital to clinicians. At present, planning for Mission Bay Hospital has allocated few such rooms and CAC members envision the library being used, in some minor capacity, in this manner when the hospital opens.

2. Separate access to a 24/7 library space with journals is crucial for late hours research to address needs related to immediate patient care. While much of that is handled via the internet, ongoing UCSF library issues with journal reduction, including online access, has made the availability of older journals in hard copy form all the more valuable.

We look forward to your success in advocating for improved Library space, a resource critical for all of UCSF’s missions. Please contact us if we can be of assistance in these efforts.

Sincerely,

The Clinical Affairs Committee

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