Communication from the School of Dentistry Faculty Council
Stefan Habelitz, PhD, Chair

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Richard Schneider, PhD, Chair
Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
Office of the Academic Senate, Box 0764

Re: Support for a UCSF Open Access Policy

Dear Chair Schneider,

The School of Dentistry Faculty Council, after hearing your presentation on May 17, 2012, writes to enthusiastically support the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication Open Access Policy for UCSF. We concur that such a policy will ultimately make scholarly information more readily available and help UCSF faculty retain rights to their creative works.

We strongly and unanimously endorse the creation of an Open Access Policy as a first step toward addressing current copyright issues and publication barriers that threaten access to research by scholars and the public at large. The School of Dentistry Faculty Council stands ready to assist the San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate Committee on Library in its dissemination and realization.

Sincerely,

UCSF School of Dentistry Faculty Council

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