Communication from the Academic Planning and Budget Committee
Chad Christine, MD, Chair

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TO: Ruth Greenblatt, Chair of the UCSF Academic Senate
FROM: Chad Christine, Chair of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee
CC: Todd Giedt, Executive Director of the UCSF Academic Senate Office
RE: Review of Draft Mission Hall Post-Occupancy Survey

Dear Chair Greenblatt:

The Academic Planning and Budget Committee and the Campus Planning Subcommittee have reviewed the revised draft of the Mission Hall Post-Occupancy Survey. While members are pleased with the improvements, some concerns remain with the overall length and focus of the survey.

Members feel that the survey’s challenges are due to the fact that the instrument is evaluating two separate questions. The first question is how well does Mission Hall provide faculty with basic workspace accommodations such as proper lighting, temperature control and noise abatement? The second question is how well does the Mission Hall support faculty productivity? The answers to these two questions will inform the design of future workspace at UCSF. The apparent result of combining the two evaluations together is a somewhat lengthy instrument. One option would be to create two surveys, one devoted to basic workplace attributes and another to faculty productivity. However, this solution would probably require that both surveys include similar demographic sections. Therefore our members recommend that the best approach would be to streamline the current survey, for example by changing the format of many similarly worded satisfaction questions into matrices to allow for more efficient completion of the survey.

The Academic Planning and Budget Committee and the Campus Planning Subcommittee greatly appreciate all consultation efforts and hopes that university leadership will continue to engage the Senate over the design of faculty workspace in the future. If you have any questions please contact me, or Academic Senate analyst Artemio Cardenas artemio.cardenas@ucsf.edu.

Sincerely,

Chad Christine, MD
Chair of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee