



**Communication from the Task Force to Review the Proposal for the
Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences
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Sarah Nelson, PhD
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Re: Review of the Proposal for the Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences

Dear Dr. Nelson,

The Task Force has reviewed the Proposal for the Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences. Overall, the Task Force endorses the establishment of the proposed department, as a departmental home for Bioengineering at UCSF is long overdue. The proposal for this new department is based on strong scientific merit and will avoid overlap in research, duplication of shared resources and has the potential to build upon an already impressive record of innovation and collaboration. Furthermore, the Task Force has confidence in the proposed leadership with your proven ability to develop and manage programs at UCSF.

Before finalizing their recommendation for endorsement of the proposal, the members request written elaboration on the following issues:

1. In the event of a conflict between the Co-Chairs, please articulate how the dispute will be resolved, particularly with regard to disagreements over the structure and function of the proposed department.
2. In the event of a conflict between the Deans of the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, please specify how the dispute will be resolved.
3. Please define to whom the proposed department will be ultimately responsible.
4. Please present information from each of the Deans about how resources to support the proposed department will be managed.
5. Please state clear budgetary guidelines for the responsibility of the proposed department versus other programs in supporting graduate education.
6. Please indicate how faculty and heads of the graduate groups in the proposed department have expressed support for or objections to the proposal. If this information has not been gathered, please indicate how it will be done.
7. Please outline how the proposed department will manage two compensation plans, faculty salary equity and teaching responsibilities.

To help plan for success, we hope that working with you to clearly define the departmental infrastructure will facilitate the smoothest possible implementation and operation of the proposed department.

Sincerely,

Deborah Adey, MD, Task Force Chair, Committee on Academic Planning and Budget
Claire Brett, MD, Committee on Academic Personnel

Grayson Marshall, DDS, MPH, PhD, Committee on Educational Policy
Jeff Lansman, PhD, Graduate Council