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## **Communication from the School of Medicine Faculty Council** **Robert Nissenson, PhD, Chair**

May 11, 2012

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 Medicine Faculty Council, after hearing your presentation on April 19, 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 Medicine Faculty Council stands ready to assist the San Francisco Division of the Committee on Library in its dissemination and realization.

Sincerely,

### **UCSF School of Medicine Faculty Council**

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