

Space Committee

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ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020

Primary Focus Points for the Year:

- Space Governance and Principles
- Parnassus Master Plan Steering Committee
- Building Updates

Issues for Next Year (2020-2021)

- Space Governance and Principles
- Parnassus Heights Master Plan
- Building Updates

2019-2020 Members

Vineeta Singh, MD (Chair)
Steven Hetts, MD (Vice Chair)
Francesca Aweeka, PharmD
Laurence Baskin, MD
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Srikantan Nagarjan, PhD
Lowell Tong, MD
Paul Volberding, MD
Jinoos Yazdany, MD, MPH

Ex-Officio Members

Russel Pieper, PhD (ABP Representative)
Steven Cheung, MD

Permanent Guests

Paul Jenny, Senior Vice
Chancellor, Finance and
Administration

Alicia Murasaki, Assistant
Vice Chancellor, Campus
Planning

Academic Senate Analyst
Kenneth Laslavic

Number of Meetings: 6

Senate Telework Survey

In response to the novel coronavirus pandemic UCSF implemented emergency telework policies and practices. In order to understand faculty experiences and insights about telework and flexible scheduling, we conducted a Senate Telework Survey.

Between June 8 and 22, 878 members of the UCSF faculty responded to the survey designed to collect input about telecommuting and flexible scheduling. There was broad support for telework across all mission areas including clinical, research, education, and administrative activities.

The initial report and dataset from the survey are available for viewing on the Senate website here: <https://senate.ucsf.edu/telework-survey-2020>.

The report has been submitted to the administration and the Senate Equitable Recovery Task Force so as to inform the University while it plans for our recovery and future resilience during and after the novel COVID-19 pandemic.

Toland Hall Mural

UC Hall, which was built in 1917 and is the oldest building on the Parnassus Heights campus, will be replaced because it is seismically deficient. The new Research and Academic Building (RAB) planned for Parnassus Heights will be built where UC Hall currently is located.

In UC Hall, in the Toland Hall lecture room, there is a fresco painted by artist Bernard Zakheim. The large, 10-panel mural series — entitled “The History of Medicine in California” — was created between 1935 and 1938 as part of a New Deal–era arts program.

The mural includes a depiction of Bridget “Biddy” Mason, a formerly enslaved person who rose to prominence in business and was a health care worker.

On August 12, 2020, the Committee on Space convened a special meeting of the Senate Space Committee, Academic Planning & Budgeting, and Equal Opportunity to discuss with the administration plans to conserve the mural.

The committees delivered a letter to the Senate Executive Council recommending and encouraging UCSF to find the means necessary to conserve the mural and display it on campus.

“Due to the artistic value, historical relevance, and cultural meaning of the mural, this issue is of great concern to many people within the University and without. In particular, the mural includes an inspiring portrayal of Bridget “Biddy” Mason, a formerly enslaved person who worked as a midwife and nurse and rose to prominence in California at the beginning of the twentieth century.”

“we must champion the need to physically preserve the mural for the UCSF community despite the challenges associated with physically moving it such as its fragility, curvature, large size, and heavy weight.”

The Executive Council forwarded the letter to Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Real Estate, copying the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Planning, the University Librarian, and the UCSF Archivist.

Subsequent to the Senate's engagement, the administration established a campus art committee and invited Senate representation. The Senate Space Committee will continue to monitor this topic.

Space Updates

The Committee continued to monitor and share information about developments of the following projects:

- Parnassus
 - Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan
 - New Helen Diller Medical Center hospital building
 - Clinical Sciences Building
 - UC Hall Demolition
 - Research and Administrative Building at Parnassus
- Mission Bay
 - Joan and Sanford I. Weill Neurosciences Building
 - Wayne and Gladys Valley Center for Vision (**Block 33**)
 - The Child, Teen, and Family Center
- ZSFG Research Building and Roadway/Site Improvements Project
- 2 North Point (2001 The Embarcadero)
- 2130 Post Street Faculty Housing

Going Forward

Ongoing issues under review or actions that the Committee will continue in 2020-2021:

- UCSF Space Policy
- Parnassus Heights Master Plan
- Building Updates
- Toland Hall Murals
- UCSF Art Committee