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CHAIR LINDSEY CRISWELL
Parnassus Research Space Programming Task Force

As co-chairs of the UCSF Space Committee, we write to inform you that the Space Committee has made several decisions based on the recommendations of the Parnassus Research Space Programming Task Force. In your role as chair of task force, we encourage your dissemination of this information.

The relevant decisions are as follows:

1. The committee endorsed the recommendation of organizing research programs at Parnassus Heights into Discovery Zones and the idea of anchor themes/programs. As a next step, the committee agreed that a sub-group composed of select members of the Research task force and other program stakeholders would be organized to continue the visioning effort for the Parnassus Research and Academic Building. The committee also agreed that the new sub-group will also be charged with advancing the collection of investigator's scientific identity. UCSF Real Estate staff will be in contact with you on next steps.
2. The committee agreed a sub-group composed of select members of the Research task force and other program stakeholders would be organized to discuss potential space solutions for clinical research. UCSF Real Estate staff will be in contact with you on next steps.
3. The committee appreciated the concept of a new approach to space allocation but did not endorse completely replacing the role of departments at this time. The consequences to other areas of departmental oversight has not yet been fully explored. However, this concept will continue to be discussed at subsequent Space Committee meetings.
4. The committee agreed philanthropic and Capital Plan dollars need to be identified and committed to support modernization of existing research space at Parnassus. Given existing financial uncertainty, a specific plan cannot be immediately identified; however, Parnassus revitalization remains a high priority.



5. Development of a “quality of space” metric was not prioritized, but the Space Committee may revisit the recommendation in the future.

We are extremely grateful for the creative and bold thinking that is the basis of the recommendations put forward by the task force, and we are excited by the opportunity to implement these recommendations as part of the next phase of the Parnassus planning process. Please contact either Assistant Vice Chancellor Alicia Murasaki or Associate EVCP Janhavi Bonville should you have questions regarding the decisions.



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