Facilities Update – December 2014

Faculty, Staff and Students
School of Veterinary Medicine

The following is an update of the progress related to our major facility initiatives.

VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDENT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION CENTER (VMSSAC)

The VMSSAC will be located just south of Vet Med 3B, in the fenced area where the heavy construction vehicles have been these past few months. The facility will include the offices of Student Programs, Academic Programs, Research and Graduate Education units as well as the Dean’s office administrative units (executive, development, communications/marketing, facilities management, finance, HR, and IT) and a subset of the VMTH administrative units (finance, HR, and IT). There will also be a dining service and café (with a window for walk-up service) that will replace our Scrubs dining facility. The construction drawings should be completed by February 2015 with groundbreaking in May 2015. We expect the VMSSAC to be ready for occupancy by September 2016.
ADDITIONAL DISTRICT PARKING
The parking lot located east of the VMSSAC building site, and connecting to the Putah Creek Lodge existing parking area, is now open. This provides approximately 80 new parking spaces to ease congestion in the area.

VET MED 3B
The APC/VMB administrative staff have returned to their work space on the first floor, east wing of Vet Med 3B after a pipe break flooded the area in late summer. The facilities management and IT/communication resources teams made quick repairs to the space and elevator.

SOUTH VALLEY ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY PROJECT

The South Valley Animal Health Lab Project, part of our California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS), has been under construction since last January. Located at the Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center (VMTRC) in Tulare, construction on the laboratory is 35% complete and is expected to be fully complete in December 2015. Follow the progress on the VMTRC Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ucdvmtrc

TUPPER HALL LABORATORY STUDY
We have engaged an architectural firm GRA Architecture and the School of Medicine’s facilities specialist Mark Romney to assist us in analyzing our laboratory space in Tupper Hall. As our programs grow and we continue to recruit faculty, we need to understand how to more effectively use our Tupper space. GRA has just finished assessing the current use of our laboratory space. The next steps are to apply several industry metrics to understand our current capacity for research personnel in our current layouts and to ask GRA to model alternative layouts for effective use of the current space. We expect to conclude the project in March 2015.
Planning efforts for the proposed Veterinary Medical Center have progressed well over the summer. This design schematic illustrates the proposed new and renovated facilities included in the overall multi-phased, decade long planning and construction plan. The concept and programing plan has been presented to Chancellor Katehi and the next phase of detailed design has been approved. Planning efforts include:

- Large Animal Facilities: Equine Sports Medicine; Equine Surgery & Medicine; Equine Intensive Care; LA Isolation Unit; Equine/Livestock Medicine
- SAC-East Additions: Emergency/ICU; Imaging; Surgery/Anesthesia; Patient Receiving/Exam; Specialty Services; Wards; Transfusion Medicine; Pharmacy; Integrative Medicine; Community Practice (remodel) – Medicine, Surgery, Shelter Animal Surgery
- Existing VMTH Repurpose: Research Labs; Offices/Support Services

The total project will be phased to allow for fundraising and capital funding efforts, as well as a construction schedule that will address new building, renovations and infrastructure build outs while maintaining on-going clinical services and teaching. The development team continues to work on the elements of the related capital campaign: major donor prospect identification; the feasibility study; prospectus development and communications.

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