



Facility Update- October 2015

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)



Good News! The construction of the Veterinary Medicine Student Services and Administration Center (VMSSAC) is proceeding on schedule and on budget. [A live view and a timelapse](#) of the construction progress is available on VIPER under the Facilities tab. This month we will finalize the furnishing and finishes specifications. The building is expected to be finished in the Fall of 2016 and will house the following units: Academic Programs, Student

Programs, Global Programs, Research and Graduate Education, Development, Academic and Staff Personnel (both VMTH and VMDO), Communications, Fiscal Services (both VMTH and VMDO) and Administration, Information Technology, Facilities and Safety Services, and the Executive Office. There will also be a 6,600 square foot café and outdoor event space. The overall cost of the project is \$27.9M (including the café) funded by the campus and SVM gift funds.

VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER



The Detailed Project Program (DPP) phase of planning for the Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) continues with VMTH leadership as well as faculty, staff and house officers. The planning effort has identified eleven project groupings to be constructed in sequence over the next ten years.

The groupings include:

- Equine Performance Center
- All Species Imaging Center
- Small Animal Hospital East Wing
- Small Animal Hospital West Wing
- Livestock Services
- Field Services
- Laboratory Services
- Community Practice Consolidation
- Equine Surgery Center
- Equine Critical Care
- Equine Isolation

The total VMC project is being 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; case for support documentation and extensive current and future communication efforts. The administrative team is forecasting various cash flow scenarios to ensure expanded square footage and caseload can feasibly be supported by the appropriate furnishing, equipment, and staffing levels. We are also working with the campus to identify a timeline for approvals of each phase by the UC Regents and UC Office of the President.

SOUTH VALLEY ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY PROJECT



The Alex A. Ardans Tulare Branch Laboratory, California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System will provide approximately 29,000 square feet of functional laboratory and administrative space for veterinary diagnostic testing adjacent to the existing Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center in Tulare County. The laboratory will accept avian and mammalian sample submissions for complex diagnostic procedures to support ongoing food production industries, flock and herd health monitoring, food safety programs and surveillance for foreign and emerging diseases. Services offered at the laboratory will include Necropsy, Bacteriology, Histology, Antigen Detection, Immunology, Biotechnology, and Metabolomics testing. This project will continue the long-term partnership between the University of California and the California Department of Food and Agriculture in protecting human and animal health. The project is currently budgeted at \$47.5M and is on track for a completion date of June 2016.

TUPPER LAB STUDY UPDATE

We have received the final report from Tupper Lab Study and have presented ten renovation opportunities including shared lab and core facility options to our department chairs as part of a multi-year planning and renovation project. We are aiming for VM2 to have more of a clinical service focus and Tupper will house three shared clinical research spaces. In a companion planning effort, we also plan to create faculty office space in the current Scrubs Café location once the café moves to the VMSSAC site in the Fall of 2016. Our next steps are to finalize the design for faculty offices in the current Scrubs café and obtain pricing estimates. As part of the further discussion with the department chairs regarding shared lab and core spaces in Tupper Hall, we would aim to identify current Tupper office space that would be converted to lab space.

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