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Subject: Announcement re: Multi-campus Initiative: OATS

Dear Deans and Department Chairs,

I am excited to announce a new multi-campus initiative: **Outside Activity Tracking System (OATS)**, an online portal for tracking outside professional activities. OATS provides a user-friendly solution for faculty and administrators to comply with the University of California, Office of the President (UCOP) Conflict of Commitment policies*. Already in use at the David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) at UCLA, the OATS system will be expanded and enhanced to meet the needs of the seven partner campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco.

The development and implementation of the OATS project is being managed through the oversight and guidance of two committees. First, each participating partner campus is represented on an OATS Governance Board. The UCSF representatives on the Governance Board are Neal Cohen and Cynthia Lynch Leathers. Second, an OATS Working Group of subject matter experts including UCSF representatives will guide technical and campus-specific requirements for the software development team. The software development and implementation team is the UCLA DGSOM Digital Technology (DGIT) Office.

Implementation of the UC OATS initiative will begin in September 2018 and continue through September 2019. You can read more about the purpose, governance model, and timeline for the OATS initiative, and get answers to frequently asked questions on the UC OATS website.

We do not have a specific date for implementation of OATS at UCSF. Nonetheless, I would recommend that you not commit any resources to developing a locally-based application for reporting outside professional activities as the OATS application, once implemented, will be the required system of record for the campus.

I will provide you with periodic updates as the planning progresses and will provide a more detailed description of the OATS process as we get closer to implementation at UCSF. In the meantime, if you have specific questions or feedback, please contact Neal Cohen or Cynthia Lynch Leathers. Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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*APM 025, APM 240, APM 246, and APM 671