Chip Chambers, MD  Professor of Medicine and Director of the Clinical Research Services for the UCSF Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. Dr. Chambers’ research interests span from laboratory investigation of mechanisms of antibacterial resistance and methicillin resistance in staphylococci to clinical trials and observational studies of staphylococcal infections. As co-Principal Investigator of the NIH-funded Antibacterial Leadership Group he is responsible for developing and implementing a national research agenda to address the growing problem of bacterial resistance.

Jane Czech  Director of Administration, Department of Neurology. The Neurology Department ranks #1 in federal funding for Departments of Neurology, and is the second highest recipient of NIH funds at UCSF. In addition, there is high activity of industry-sponsored research and other contracts and grants. I’m happy to serve on RAB to identify and address areas of critical importance for our researchers. RAB is special because we have a “think tank” of faculty and administrators, working together to recommend solutions to the Executive Vice Chancellor, and we are champions for implementation of best practices. When we work as a team, we can accomplish much more than on our own.

Pamela Den Besten, DDS, MS  Professor, Department of Orofacial Sciences; Chair, Division of Pediatric Dentistry; Co-Director Oral and Craniofacial Sciences PhD & DDS-PhD programs; Director, Center for Children’s Oral Health Research

Clarice Estada, MPA  Chief Administrative Officer, Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI). CVRI’s mission is to perform and promote fundamental and clinical research on the cardiovascular and pulmonary respiratory systems and to train future leaders in these fields. Serving on the board allows me to advocate for efficiency and the opportunity to help eliminate obstacles to our investigators’ research.
**John Ellis**  Assistant Vice Chancellor and Controller. My interest in the RAB is working with the faculty and staff board members in developing effective and efficient policies, procedures and systems that meet the needs of faculty, students and staff across the campus.

**Mary Catherine “MC” Gaisbauer**  Assistant Controller – Contracts and Grants Accounting (CGA), Controller’s Office. CGA supports UCSF research and education by providing collaborative and advisory post-award management and financial oversight of sponsored research and campus-based student. Serving on the board allows me to identify opportunities for efficiency and value-added services to help ensure the elimination of obstacles to our investigators’ research.

**Jennifer Grandis, MD**  Associate Vice Chancellor, Clinical and Translational Research & Director, Clinical and Translational Science Institute(CTSI). Dr. Grandis’ research focuses on the signal transduction in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) development and progression, with the ultimate goal of targeting key pathways for therapeutic benefit. She is responsible for a number of patents in this area and has published extensively on the topic of head and neck cancer. Additional research interests include precision medicine approaches, experimental therapeutics, preclinical cancer models and receptor crosstalk. She is an American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor and a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Association of Physicians and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

**Xiao Hu, PhD**  Associate Professor of Physiological Nursing and Neurological Surgery. Dr. Hu’s expertise includes biomedical signal processing, mathematical modeling of cerebral hemodynamics, machine learning, database / informatics systems, and software development. He has been the principal investigator of 3 NIH R01 and 3 NIH R21 awards. Dr. Hu has more than 70 journal papers and has been awarded five US patents with another four pending US patent applications. His patents have been licensed by Global Care Quest Division of Karl Storz Inc and Neural Analytics Inc, respectively. Dr. Hu is the recipient of 2013 NASA-Innocentive Challenge on Noninvasive Intracranial Pressure. Dr. Hu and his team are currently working with nursing scientists and physicians to develop and validate a new patient monitoring paradigm with far fewer false alarms.
Vanessa Jacoby, MD, MAS  Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences

Jean Jones  Interim Director, Government & Business Contracts. Serving on the RAB aligns with my responsibility for providing contracting support and policy interpretation for the campus. My interest is in fostering efficient and effective support of UCSF’s research operations. Participating provides me the opportunity to understand and respond to issues, concerns and priorities raised by the faculty and campus community.

Mounira Kenaani, MBA  Department Administrator for Dermatology, Diabetes Center and the CFO for the Immune Tolerance Network. I serve a wide range of faculty in my role as the Department Administrator for Dermatology, Diabetes Center and the CFO for the Immune Tolerance Network. My interest in serving as a RAB member is the ability to work collaboratively with faculty and administrators from across the campus to identify ways to minimize any barriers that our scientists and staff are facing in the research area and to improve the research services for the entire campus.

Jim Kiriakis  Interim Director, Office of Innovation, Technology & Alliances (ITA). The ITA is your faculty concierge supporting the creation of entrepreneurs, inventions, alliances, and research agreements with our biopharma, information technology, academic medical center and philanthropic partners. Our goal is to apply technology toward improving health.
**Gretchen Kiser, Ph.D.**  Director, Research Development Office (RDO). Gretchen has diverse molecular biology and biochemistry experience, including over 20 years as a lab researcher with six years in the biotechnology industry. She combines her hands-on bench know-how with research and faculty development, teaching, and technical writing experience, as well as expertise in the Lean Six Sigma process methodology. Gretchen leverages this broad background to support the UCSF research enterprise by leading the Research Development Office, which facilitates the development of complex multi-investigator research proposals, the management of intramural and limited extramural funding responses, and the development of collaborative cross-functional research teams.

**Larisa Kure**  Department Manager, Department of Cell & Tissue Biology (SOD) and Department of Microbiology & Immunology (SOM). I provide support to a large number of Basic Science faculty across two schools and the state of the infrastructure is of great importance to both groups. My interest in serving on RAB is to work with a group of administrators, faculty and campus leaders to identify ways to improve research serves for the entire campus and make it easier for our faculty and staff to navigate the research services available on campus.

**Stephen C. Lazarus, M.D.**  Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Director Fellowship Program, Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine. As a member of a research-intensive Division, Director of a research-focused fellowship, and recipient of continuous NIH funding for asthma and COPD research for greater than 30 years, I am committed to fostering communication and collaboration between the research community at UCSF and the Administration.

**Georgina Lopez**  Manager, CTSI Global Health Program and Global Health Sciences. My interest in the RAB is related to my various management and administrative responsibilities in several global health units. Having worked in research administration for most of my career at UCSF, I have come to respect and strongly support the work of our faculty. The RAB is a platform from which we can help to address the issues and barriers faced by our researchers including those working internationally.
Wallace Marshall  Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics. My lab studies the origins of cell geometry and how the size and shape of cellular components determines the function of the cell. I believe that if we could understand the principles of cell geometry, we could improve diagnosis of cellular diseases such as cancer, and possibly even develop novel methods for treatment by finding ways to reprogram cells to a more normal organization. This is a long-term collaborative vision that will require teamwork between basic and clinical researchers, and my interest in the RAB stems from my conviction that such collaborative research cutting across schools and departments at UCSF is the best way to make truly radical progress in biomedical science.

Irene McGlynn  Audit Services Director

Synthia H. Mellon, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. My lab studies the tissue- and cell-specific regulation of steroidogenesis in classical steroidogenic tissues and in the nervous system, with my most recent work focusing on the role of neurosteroids in normal brain development and in childhood neurodegenerative diseases and brain injuries, with the goal of translating these basic science findings into human clinical trials. I'm involved in and direct several training programs for scientists and physician/scientists (departmental/university-wide). My interest in RAB is to ensure that we continue to have an exceptionally strong research enterprise that includes all types of research and which involves scientists at all stages, with appropriate and effective support from the University.

Teresa Moeller  Analyst, CTSI and Global Health Science. My interest in the RAB is related to my role in identifying and resolving process related impediments to researchers working internationally. I work under Dr. Paul Volberding in conjunction with Georgina Lopez, who are both active participants in RAB, but have extensive commitments. I attend RAB in their absence, or if the agenda has a Global Health item that might impact my work or benefit from my perspective. My previous experience includes more than 20 years as a UCSF bench scientist and lab manager.
Suzanne Murphy  Director, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Business Services. My organization provides operational and financial administration for the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost’s units serving the research enterprise. Serving on RAB provides the opportunity to better understand the operational and institutional issues of the research community and to participate in identifying ways that we can improve our support to the research community.

Thomas C. Neylan, M.D.  Professor, In Residence in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSF and Director of the Posttraumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) Clinical and Research Programs at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Neylan has been an active researcher in the study of sleep and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder for the past 20 years. He has been the Principal Investigator on multiple funded projects sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Michael Nordberg, MPA  Associate Dean of Finance and Administration for the School of Pharmacy. My interest in R.A.B. stems from the fact that 60% of the expenditures in the School of Pharmacy stem from contracts and grants. Prior to Operational Excellence the School of Pharmacy’s Sponsored Research Support Services reported to me. This was a central cadre of analysts who supported investigators in our three departments. They will be working in the new OE Service Centers.

Theresa O’Lonergan, PhD, MA: Associate Vice Chancellor, Ethics and Compliance, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Institutional Official for both human and animal research. Her responsibilities include compliance campus-wide in the following areas: human and animal research, clinical, technical committees and conflicts of interest. Her focus is on reducing the regulatory burden in all compliance areas and streamlining all research infrastructure.
Christine Razler  Director of Research Administration, Department of Medicine. My interest in serving on the RAB committee aligns with my 21 year career directly supporting researchers at UCSF. My professional goals have been to partner with researchers and help them navigate the administrative hurdles in obtaining and managing research funding, as well as the infrastructure required to carry out research projects. My membership in RAB gives me a chance to advocate for more efficient systems and increased institutional support to allow researchers to focus on the scientific aspects of their research programs.

William Seaman, M.D.  RAB Co-Chair. Professor of Medicine and Associate Chief of Medicine for Research. My interest in the RAB is primarily in my role as Associate Chief of Medicine for Research. We wish broadly to nurture physician scientists, but in particular one of our major goals is to increase the study of humans. My own research has been in cellular immunology.

Nirao Shah, M.D., Ph.D.  Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy

Brian Smith, MBA, JD  Associate Vice Chancellor, Research Infrastructure and Operations. Brian is responsible for day-to-day operations, management, and oversight of several key components of our research enterprise: research management services, government and business contracts, environmental health and safety, and laboratory animal research. He collaborates with others on the Office of Research team, the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, the medical center, faculty leaders and entities outside of UCSF, to identify potential improvements and best practices. He also represents the Office of Research in campus wide planning and on selected UC systemwide committees and councils. In a prior role at the University of California, San Diego, his research administration responsibilities included sponsored research, clinical trials, business contracting, and strategic partnerships. Brian also worked in the technology transfer office at the University of Oregon.
Matthew L. Springer, Ph.D. Associate Professor In Residence of Medicine, Division of Cardiology. My interest in RAB is that it is an excellent mechanism through which to fix those things that ought to be fixed but aren’t getting fixed. It’s the antithesis of the typical bureaucratic situation where people say "they ought to do something about that" and then everybody laughs. As such, it has enabled me to try to prevent other people from having problems that I have had, and to help myself and everyone else avoid problems that I see around the corner. My own research interests are blood vessel growth, treatments for heart attack, vascular endothelial function, and cardiovascular consequences of secondhand smoke exposure.

Paul Volberding, M.D. In my capacity as the Director of the AIDS Research Institute, the Director of Research for Global Health Sciences and in the CTSA, I am attempting to help identify and eliminate barriers to research, here and abroad. The more effective UCSF is in developing and communicating appropriate and efficient research systems, the better we can hope to compete for research support in a very stressed environment. RAB is essential in this effort.