

RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

June 9, 2020 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Zoom

AGENDA

Topic	Presenter	Time
1. Research Re-Start: Lab experiences, Issues: Member Roundtable Discussion	All	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

2020 Meetings:

- *January 14*
- *February 11*
- *March 10*
- *April 14*
- *May 12*
- *June 9*
- *July 14*
- *August 11*
- *September 8*
- *October 13*
- *November 10*
- *December 8*

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Attending: Hal Collard, Lindsey Criswell, Jane Czech, David Erle, Clarice Estrada, Julene Johnson, Jean Jones, Jim Kiriakis, Edward Kuczynski, Marguerita Lightfoot, Georgina Lopez, Stephanie Louie, Wallace Marshall, Teresa Moeller, Suzanne Murphy, Michael Nordberg, Christine Razler, Jon Rueter, Brian Smith, Winona Ward. Irene Broderick-staff

Other attendees: David Morgan

1. Research Re-Start: Lab experiences, Issues: Member Roundtable Discussion

Summer Volunteers: Summer volunteers be on site as long as occupancy percentages are correct.

Expansion of Clinical Research: What is the timeline for guidance on expanding clinical research? There are issues with PPE; some staff are concerned about returning to campus. Operational / logistical issues need to be de-coupled from the guidance.

Bikes in buildings: An increased number of staff are riding bikes to work in order to avoid public transit; however, there have been increased bike thefts in campus buildings. Is there a policy on riding public transit? Staff should be encouraged to report thefts to the UC Police Department. There is a campus policy on riding UCSF shuttles; there is no UCSF policy on riding public transportation.

Compliance Metrics: EH&S Department Safety Advisors look at a number of factors, including physical distancing practices, face covering use. There have been some isolated instances of mask non-use but these were addressed. Results are generally very good, which supports bringing more researchers onsite.

Future Occupancy Increase: Increasing occupancy to 50% would instill confidence & comfort; is the plan to get to 50% or stay at 25%? At this time, there is no plan to increase to 50%, but evaluation is ongoing. Using shiftwork & staff rotation, 50% occupancy is achievable. The Office of Research Leadership team is continually monitoring to determine if/ when to expand occupancy.

Framework for Re-Opening: Indicators to increase onsite work include low COVID infection in San Francisco, ability for testing and contact tracing, ability of the health system & hospitals to handle a surge. Therefore, 1. Adequate infrastructure and resources to support onsite work (PPE, testing); 2. Knowing when we have overshot, and if so, how to rollback. We need metrics: density on campus; local epidemiology. We are looking at card access into research buildings, EH&S Spot Checks, PI, unit, division feedback, as well as bathroom navigation, access, etc. If members have other ideas impacting the decision to reopen, please share.

COVID-19 Positive Employee: What to do if a lab member is positive: how should other lab members be advised?

Report to Occupational Health so appropriate contact tracing can occur; however, be cognizant of patient

rights & privacy. The PI will only be contacted if they are the Point of Contact in the tracing process. Campus processes align with the Health System if a positive case is reported.

Security: What is the plan for security going forward?

The UCSF Police Chief is considering the budget, concerns of the research community, and security issues; he will address these with senior leadership. Alert the police if there are security incidents as this will facilitate data compilation & evaluation. Do not allow people to “piggyback” when you enter a building; badge swipes indicate who is entering the buildings. Be aware.

Occupancy/ Safety Concerns: As capacity increases, people may not want to come on site; those who want to stay home should be encouraged to do so. Posting EH&S’ compliance data (for example, 98% compliance w/wearing masks) may provide comfort. It would be good to let people know what we are doing to keep them safe. Post on the Office of Research website all of the things being done to keep people safe.

Action: Brian will discuss this w/ David Morgan.

Public Transit/ Commute: Though there was consideration of adding a shuttle from the east bay, the cost is high & pick up locations many. The existing UCSF shuttles are quite safe – only 6 people are allowed on at any time. Lyft vouchers are provided to persons who cannot get on a shuttle. There is an opportunity to consider lab redesign due to the lower numbers of people commuting to campus. New Task Forces are forming to consider liberation of administration space for research use.

Long Term: Complacency is a concern; people must be vigilant. People are being very good & doing the right thing.

Other discussions:

On June 10th there will be a nationwide effort to pause in academia to acknowledge the Black Lives Matter movement (#shutdownSTEM.com). Would the Board consider devoting the next meeting to under-representation of African Americans in labs/ what has or has not be done to address this? Potential guests include Carol Gross, Michael Penn. The co-chairs will discuss.