

Announcement to the Dental School Community - New Facilities Update
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I would like to update you all on progress in our plans for a new school home in San Francisco.

The University's purchase agreement to acquire the building at 155 Fifth Street in San Francisco's SOMA district is not yet closed. However, we are working to obtain the city permit and entitlements required to close the agreement. We anticipate the agreement will close this fall, allowing us to move forward with renovations and remodeling of the structure.

In the meantime, we have selected key project partners and are forming internal working groups as follows:

- **Architect, Project Manager and General Contractor** – As President Eibeck recently announced, [SmithGroup, Inc.](#) was selected by the Facilities Steering Committee as the lead architect. We are very excited to work with this respected firm. SmithGroup is ranked No. 1 for design quality and No. 2 overall by *Architect* (the magazine of the American Institute of Architects). It is the longest continuously operating architecture and engineering practice in the United States. With almost 20 million square feet of LEED-qualified projects completed or underway, the firm is a nationally recognized leader in the planning and design of sustainable environments.

[Nova Partners, Inc.](#), our construction project management team, has already been working with our planning teams on the day-to-day details of the project. You may see people from Nova around our building for various meetings. [Plant Construction Company](#) is serving as our general contractor and will work on interior and exterior renovations of the 155 Fifth Street building.
- **Transition Committee** – A Transition committee was recently formed to look ahead and prepare for what it will take for our school to move to a different location. This committee is chaired by Dr. Richard Fredekind, Associate Dean for Clinical Services, and includes staff, faculty and student representatives. It is charged with identifying issues related to the move and planning ahead for logistics of a move. As you can imagine, moving a school of our size will take much coordination, so we are starting this process early.
- **Design Committee** – The Design committee will consult with the architect on space planning and design issues for the new facility. This group includes the leads of the five programming groups from the Kahler Slater study, plus Director of Planning Roy Bergstrom and me. The initial plans generated from the Kahler Slater study will now be incorporated into the final architecture plan in development by SmithGroup.
- **Purchasing Groups** – We also have six purchasing groups up and running to solicit quotations and make recommendations on equipment for the new building. These groups will focus on Clinic Equipment (chairs, radiography, simulators), IT, Sterilization Equipment, Furniture, Research Equipment and Mechanical Systems.
- **Capital Fundraising Campaign Committee** – Our Development team is gearing up to lead a future capital fundraising campaign to raise funds needed for the project. Our wonderful donors and volunteers on the Pacific Dugoni Foundation will be vital to the success of the campaign. They are currently forming leadership committees, organizing volunteers and planning other campaign details.

With the hiring of our new partners and the work of our internal teams, we continue to take steps to turn our plans into reality. This historic project will provide state-of-the-art facilities that will keep us on the forefront of dental education for decades to come.

We will have even more updates to share once we close on the purchase agreement. In the meantime, I encourage you to attend upcoming brown bag meetings to learn more about the project and to share input with our transition teams. We also will post additional information online at <http://dental.pacific.edu/plans>.

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