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Advance Faculty Information System

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to update you on the status of Advance, the UCSF faculty information system. In May, the development of Advance was put on hold while a review of systems at other UC campuses was undertaken. This review was intended to re-assess the possibility of collaborating with another campus in developing an on-line advancement system. After a thorough review, it was apparent that continuing with Advance was the best option for UCSF. **Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the development process for Advance will now resume.**

The 2011 advancement process will still be completed using paper packets. However, by the end of this month all of the incremental modules which facilitate the efficient processing of paper packets will be implemented in Advance. In addition, faculty will notice the availability of more information regarding the status of their packet, starting with the departmental submission. These incremental features lay the foundation for the fully electronic packet process.

Since the reference request module was released in April 2010, many Departments have used Advance to track packets and collect references:

Advance - Reference Request Module (April – June 2010)

315	Packets created
1934	Referees added
3191	Reference request emails sent
1367	References submitted

Our goal to process all 2012 advancement packets entirely on-line using Advance remains unchanged. However, in light of the delay resulting from the reassessment process, we will be unable to pilot the system with the School of

Dentistry in October. We are currently re-examining the project timeline; by late spring 2011 we hope to provide the campus with the functionality to process all advancement actions within Advance.

Thank you for your support of this project and for your understanding as our development timeline is adjusted. I would also like to formally acknowledge the hard work and diligence of all those involved in the Advance project, especially the Project Team, the Steering Committee, the Working Group and the Subject Matter Expert group.

For more detailed information on the Advance project, I encourage you to review the [Advance website](#). The project continues to include the involvement and input of many faculty members. I invite your feedback and comments at AdvanceProject@ucsf.edu.

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