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Dear UCSF Colleagues:

As you heard directly from Elazar earlier today, he has decided to retire as UCSF's Vice Chancellor/Chief Information Officer—Information Technology Systems in April 2013. We are, of course, sad to see him leave, yet are also excited for him as he embarks on a new life phase. During Elazar's tenure at UCSF, he has laid the foundation for a strong 21st century IT infrastructure and has positioned us well for successfully taking on additional challenges as health sciences and the health care industry become more and more dependent on technology.

Much has been accomplished by Elazar and his team over the past three years. Some of the key successful initiatives include: formation of a sustainable IT governance structure; proliferation of a robust ubiquitous wireless network; enhanced cellular coverage; secure, single sign-on environment (MyAccess); consolidated email system as well as IT service desk; state-of-the-art videoconferencing environment; improved security awareness; and working with others on many new applications including UCSF Mobile, BearBuy, Advance, MPM, MyExpense, PI Portfolio, MyCores, MyResearch.

However, perhaps most importantly, our IT environment now is based on partnerships and trust across the schools, medical center, and campus administration - benefiting from collaboration among the best and brightest throughout UCSF.

Over the next few weeks we will work with Elazar and others on mapping our path toward the future. We are fortunate to have an exceptionally capable team of technology professionals at UCSF. Elazar has generously offered to make himself available for a smooth and optimal transition.

We know that you share in our gratitude to Elazar not only for his technical capabilities and leadership, but also for his deep sense of respect for others and unwavering determination to do what is best for UCSF.

Please join us in congratulating Elazar as he explores new areas of interest.

Sincerely,

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