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**News and Information for
Investigators and Staff Relocating
to STRF**

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Regenerative Medicine Program

Dr. Martin Schwacha has been named Interim Program Leader for the relocation to STRF, replacing Dr. Steve Wolf.

Relocation Planning Progress

Relocation consultant Coats Group continued one-on-one meetings with PIs on April 27 and May 4. These meetings will continue until every investigator or designee has been interviewed to discuss lab relocation parameters, issues, and options. On May 4 a progress update and information team meeting was also held with representation from every HSC support organization involved in the move. This meeting will be scheduled, initially monthly, with increasing frequency as we near building completion.

Research Animal Relocation

DLAR is currently preparing for occupation of the new vivarium at STRF. Please send the following information about your research animals to the DLAR mailbox, lar@uthscsa.edu, for preliminary planning of the move. DLAR will contact all animal use investigators

with additional information as planning progresses:

- PI name;
- Animal species;
- Approximate number of animals to move;
- Housing requirements at STRF (conventional or barrier);
- Procedure room utilization in the vivarium? (yes or no);
- Animals moved to and from labs in the main building when at STRF? (yes or no).

Construction Progress

In the tunnel and vivarium, all is complete except for fire alarm testing and final punch. In the first floor lobby area terrazzo installation continues and final painting in stairwells. On the second floor at grids 1-18 carpet installation has begun and final punch will be completed by mid-May. At grids 18-33 ceilings, floors and lab benches are being installed. On the third floor, carpet is being installed and final punch is scheduled for mid-May. Outside, paving, irrigation, and landscaping are well under way. The construction trailers will be removed by mid-May and parking lot 19A constructed. The construction office will be relocated inside the building. There are 200-220 workers on the site, down about 33% from last month.

New STRF Completion Schedule

Facilities Management has issued a new building completion schedule. Some key dates are:

- Substantial completion 9/13;*
- Change exterior locks 9/13;*
- Begin AV installation 9/13;*
- Begin post-construction revisions 9/13;*
- Complete furniture installation 10/10;*

*Change interior locks 10/11,12;
Complete cleaning 10/11,12;
Dedication 10/13;
Begin owner (pre-move and research core) equipment delivery and installation 10/15.*

It is planned to relocate the off-campus, office-based IIMS and STTM units first. Relocation of investigators and laboratories will begin when pre-move and research core equipment has been installed and is ready for use.

STRF Building Access

Card readers and employee badges will control access to and within various areas of the STRF building. Additionally, investigators with faculty offices and responsibility for certain other rooms will be issued keys as appropriate.

To ensure proper security, individuals will have to make application to the Police Department for access and keys, using forms approved by the appropriate signatory authority, and sign agreements for access and keys. See HOP 8.7.9.

The following applies only to STRF research laboratories, common areas and offices. It does not apply to the STRF vivarium. Researchers needing access to the vivarium must make arrangements with Dr. Hacker at Laboratory Animal Resources.

To reduce the administrative burden on everyone who will be relocating to STRF as well as those not relocating but needing access, the STRF Operations Office expects to provide information and partly filled out and approved forms to the extent possible, based on information in the relocation

database. These forms can then be taken to the Police Department to complete the process. Those involved will be contacted individually.

STRF Web Pages

The web pages enable us to post large files that would be difficult to distribute by email. Please check from time to time for updated information: <http://research.uthscsa.edu/STRF/index.shtml>

STRF Operations Administration



Sean Wilson has joined the VP Research Office as Technical Director/Administrator for the STRF. His initial focus will be on research equipment. He is located in the CTRC Urschel Building room U238. Phone: 450-0155
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