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The San Francisco campus of the University of California is dedicated to learning and teaching in the health sciences. As a graduate and professional school campus, UCSF serves society through four primary missions: teaching, research, patient care and public service. Faculty, staff and students on the UCSF campus are a composite of many races, creeds and social affiliations. To achieve campus goals, individuals must work collaboratively with mutual respect and with forbearance.

Several principles of community life are established to guide individual and group actions on the campus. Adherence to these principles is essential to ensure the integrity of the University and to achieve campus goals. UCSF faculty, staff and students are asked to acknowledge and practice these basic principles of community life:

- We affirm that members of the campus community are valued for their individual qualities and members are encouraged to apply their unique talents in creative and collaborative work.
- We recognize, value and affirm that social diversity contributes richness to the University community and enhances the quality of campus life for individuals and groups. We take pride in our various achievements and we celebrate our differences.
- We affirm the right of freedom of expression within the UCSF community and also affirm commitment to the highest standards of civility and decency toward all persons. We are committed to creating and maintaining a community where all persons who participate in University activities can work together in an atmosphere free of all forms of abusive or demeaning communication.
- We affirm the individual right of public expression within the bounds of courtesy, sensitivity and respect. We recognize the right of every individual to think and speak as dictated by personal belief, to express individual ideas and to state differences with other points of view, limited only by University requirements regarding time, place and manner.
- We reject acts of discrimination, including those based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, and religious or political beliefs.
- We recognize that UCSF is devoted to public service and we encourage members of the campus community to participate in public service activities in their own communities and recognize their public service efforts in off-campus community settings.
- We affirm that each member of the campus community is expected to work in accord with these principles and to make individual efforts to enhance the quality of campus life for all.