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To: Deans and Department Chairs (via SBCHR-L)

We are happy to announce that UCSB is participating in a collaborative project with a number of other UC campuses to develop a new online portal for tracking faculty outside professional activities. The *Outside Activity Tracking System (OATS)*, will replace our current AP Folio based Conflict of Commitment (APM 025) reporting system. Already in use at the David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM) at UCLA, OATS will be expanded and enhanced to meet the needs of the following UC Campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco and will be rebranded UC OATS.

The development and implementation of the UC OATS project will be managed through the oversight and guidance of both a governance board and working group. Both groups include representatives from each participating campus, including UCSB. The software development and implementation team is the UCLA DGSOM Digital Technology (DGIT) Office.

The new tool will provide consistency of reporting throughout the UC system as well as an enhanced user experience. Although rollout of UC OATS will not begin until fall of 2018, you and your faculty may begin to hear about the project during the upcoming year. As development of UC OATS advances we will continue to update you on the progress and will provide opportunities for faculty and administrative feedback. Additional information about the project is available online at https://info.ucoats.org/ .

Thank you in advance for your efforts and cooperation.

Sincerely,
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