The purpose of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences’ Diversity Committee Recruitment and Retention Task Force is to facilitate and support the successful hiring of individuals of diverse backgrounds into positions at all levels of the department. Activities include providing consultation for candidate search committees, facilitating access to faculty members to serve as a resource for applicants with questions concerning departmental diversity and support for minority faculty/residents/postdocs, working with departmental leadership to monitor rates of recruitment and retention, and identifying opportunities for
improvement. They also ensure that the website is updated with information that will attract a broad range of candidates to UCSF. This committee works in conjunction with other subcommittees and the larger diversity committee to meet our goals.

Task force members

Progress made and progress to make

As of the most recent data from 2019, the UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences has a gender disparity in the rank of full professors (37% women vs. 63% men). This disparity has been relatively stable over the past two years (2017 and 2018) and is similar across UCSF departments and among other departments of psychiatry across the nation. Notably, our department shows a higher proportion of women at the associate professor rank compared to other UCSF departments and national data. Our department is actively working on closing this gap through multiple initiatives, including:

- exit interviews of departing faculty
- ensuring on-time promotion transition from associate to full rank for women
- a listening tour to better understand the experience of women faculty members
- data gathering

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The Diversity Committee has developed leading principles and strategies to enhance our outreach and successful augmentation of our faculty, trainees, and staff with stellar individuals from diverse backgrounds. In particular, we are endeavoring to develop ways to mitigate implicit bias [17] in the recruitment and retention of faculty and staff. Please see here for details on our procedures [18]:

In addition, there are multiple UCSF campus resources to help promote and recruit faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Outreach Renee Navarro, MD, PharmD [19], is leading this effort across UCSF through the Office of Diversity and Outreach. [20] In addition to the Office of Career and Professional Development [21], there are other resources that are available on campus to assist staff to recruit and retain diverse students and faculty, including:

- UCSF Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women [22]
- UCSF Asian Health Caucus [23]
- UCSF LBGT Resource Center [24]
Our department has also assembled the following resources concerning advancement and promotion:

- Crafting a CV for Advancement at UCSF [25] by Jeff Critchfield, MD
- June 11, 2020 information session [26] for assistant- and associate-ranked professors in the Senate and Adjunct series
- June 25, 2020 information session [27] for assistant- and associate-ranked professors in the Health Sciences series

Diversity awards

The UCSF Chancellor Awards [28] serve to recognize both the outstanding efforts of individuals toward advancing health, community, and diversity, as well as extraordinary professional performance and service above and beyond the scope of individual jobs, areas of research, or training at UCSF.

Recommended reading

- Racism in Medicine: Shifting the Power (Annals of Family Medicine) [29]