Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the 21st Century Welch Medical Library Committee has submitted a report proposing how the library will continue to support the academic and patient care activities of Johns Hopkins faculty, students and staff into the future. We greatly appreciate the work of the committee and agree with the recommendations in principle.

Some recommendations from the report—such as updating the Welch Advisory Board, discussing repairs and renovations, and fundraising planning—are already being addressed.

The committee, co-chaired by Martha Hill, dean of the School of Nursing, and David Nichols, vice dean for education, was charged with assessing the status of the Welch Library’s services and physical locations, and with defining the role of an academic medical library for the 21st century. Since January, the committee has discussed the options available for how to best continue services and the pros and cons for each option. We invite you to learn more about the committee’s process and to view the agendas, presentations, meeting notes and report at http://welch.jhmi.edu/welchone/node/131.

We will keep you updated as this process unfolds, and you will be hearing from us in the fall regarding more opportunities for discussion.

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