

**Sabbatical Leave Proposal for Gary Wilson**

America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College houses the college's collection of about 120 animals. The teaching zoo provides students in the Exotic Animal Training and Management program with hands-on experience in the care and training of these animals as well as in the conducting of wildlife education presentations. I was involved in the design and construction of this facility. We need to expand the training area to provide the EATM students with new experiences to better prepare them for careers in

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the animal-care industry. In order for me to take a leadership role in this endeavor, I need to increase my knowledge of current zoo enclosure design and methods of fundraising for capital improvements of

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The main areas that we have identified as needing to be addressed first are:

1. housing for large carnivores
2. housing and show area for sea lions
3. aviary for displaying birds

Our goal for housing for the large carnivores is to develop new enclosures on the hillside between the

much larger enclosures than we currently have. For animal enrichment we have not been able to implement behavior management.

AMERICA'S TEACHING ZOO

EATM Specific Facilities Plan

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IV. Proposed Timeline:

RFP/RFQ

Convert MC model to contain  
EATM specifics

January 2014

Advertise

Advertise for architectural  
firms to submit their  
prepared qualifications

February/March 2014 (4-6  
weeks)

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3 firms to present information  
to a selection committee

Selection of firm

Select firm and negotiate

April/May 2014 (2 months)

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