

**Notes  
Council of Deans  
December 19, 2006**

**Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Remarks (Breslauer)**

The deans congratulated Paul Ludden on his appointment as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southern Methodist University.

EVCP Breslauer thanked Ralph Catalano for serving this semester as Acting Dean of the School of Public Health during Dean Shortell's year-long sabbatical. Robert Spear will take over as Acting Dean in the spring.

The draft taxonomy for the proposed activity-based budget model, which was presented at the last meeting by VC Brostrom and AVC Jenny, is not yet ready for distribution.

The Budget Office will aim for January.

AVC Waggener reminded everyone of his November Deans and Directors memo about the UC Berkeley Restricted Data Management (RDM) registry requirements and the need for technical staff to register all systems that contain or use restricted data. Registering applications will enable additional security monitoring to be taken by central computing security experts and reduce the risk from hackers and identity thieves. (AVC Waggener's November 20, 2005 Deans and Directors memo is on the Web at [https://mossberg.berkeley.edu/CALmessages/display\\_message.asp?d=11/20/2006&s=101](https://mossberg.berkeley.edu/CALmessages/display_message.asp?d=11/20/2006&s=101))

**Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Remarks (de Vries)**

VP de Vries updated the deans following a recent meeting with the BC about the various proposals for streamlining the academic review process.

- The campus will proceed with the proposal to make external letters for Step 6 reviews optional. He will seek input from the Academic Senate and try to have a decision this academic year.
- Efforts are proceeding with the testing and deployment of a template for the Web version of the bio-bib system.
- The proposal for the use of a single faculty deadline for submitting routine merit cases is still under consideration.
- The BC is questioning the idea of reducing the number of Campus Ad Hoc Review Committees (CAHRC).

VP de Vries described two new changes that are being proposed for the UC housing program. One is the addition of an interest-only Mortgage Option Program (MOP) loan that will permit more faculty to purchase a home. The second is the ability to use a SHLP to acquire a third mortgage to cover 5% of a down payment. If approved by the Regents, both will significantly benefit faculty and the campus.

AVP Owen distributed a handout describing changes to the annual reporting of Compensated Outside Professional Activities. Beginning with the Compensated Outside Professional Activities Report for 2006, members of the Senior Management Group (SMG) will have to report all outside professional activities for which they were paid an honorarium, whether the activities were performed for non-profit or for-profit organizations. In addition, members of SMG will be required to report vacation leave for travel time during the workweek and for the days on which those activities occurred. Deans with additional information to report retroactively for 2006 must send their addendums to AVP Owen by January 5.

### **Problems and Prospects of Coordinating Multidisciplinary Initiatives (Breslauer)**

Guest: C. Judson King, Provost and Senior Vice President Emeritus, and Director of the Center for Studies in Higher Education

Handout: Facilitating Interdisciplinary Doctoral Education: Conditions that Support or Impede Interdisciplinary Programs at UC. Draft. December 14, 2006.

EVCP Breslauer invited the deans to share their experiences with the campus's organizational model for the academic initiatives and to offer suggestions for how it could be improved. Provost King, whom the EVCP had also asked to consider these issues, was invited to participate. To aid discussion a draft handout produced by the UC Working Group on Interdisciplinary Programs was made available by Dean Edley, who is a member of the working group. The UC Task Force on Planning for Doctoral and Professional Education created the working group to identify key conditions and strategies for facilitating and sustaining interdisciplinary doctoral education, as well as the obstacles that these programs face at UC. The draft handout was a summary of information that had been gathered so far from around the campuses. The deans had a very lively discussion, which will be continued at a future meeting.

The meeting closed with a resolution proposed by Dean Ludden in honor of Dean Richard Newton. The resolution was unanimously approved [and sent on December 21].

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