

**Notes
Council of Deans
May 20, 2008**

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Remarks (Breslauer)

EVCP Breslauer distributed a copy of the Berkeleyan interview with VC Brostrom regarding the budget.

EVCP Breslauer also reminded the deans of a meeting with representatives from the Office of General Counsel, who are surveying campuses about their legal needs.

It was announced that a new director (Larry Rinder) has been appointed to the Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive and Tyler Stovall has been approved as the Dean of the Undergraduate Division. EVCP Breslauer updated the deans on the status of the remaining dean searches.

VP Maslach's unit has been renamed the Office of Teaching and Learning, effective July 1, 2008. She was applauded in absentia for her efforts in leading that office, along with the office of the Dean of the Undergraduate Division.

Clayton Heathcock and Harrison Fraker were thanked for their service.

Chancellor's Remarks (Birgeneau)

Chancellor Birgeneau led a discussion concerning student deaths on campus this year, particularly those deaths caused by suicide. VP Zedeck will send contact information to the Council of Deans for those campus offices that can help with students who may seem depressed or despondent.

It was also noted that although the campus does a good job of educating students about the dangers of alcohol consumption at the beginning the academic year, it was suggested that reminders about those dangers be sent in the spring, before final exams and commencement.

There was a discussion about crime levels on and around the campus in general. Chancellor Birgeneau suggested that incoming students be trained to be careful in this urban environment, noting that some students have had little or no experience living in urban areas before their arrival on campus.

Budget update (Birgeneau, Breslauer)

EVCP Breslauer noted that although the May revise of the governor's budget may provide some relief for the University, Berkeley's share of the projected cuts will be about 15%. It is possible that if the budget revision does not pass the Legislature, there will be a mid-year fee increase for students. There will be a lot of uncertainty between now and August about the budget.

EVCP Breslauer brought up the problem of unfunded mandates, those costs which are not fully funded by Office of the President, like IT security, deferred maintenance, health benefits, and utility costs. Even without the current budget

deficit, there would be a campus shortfall because these costs are not fully funded by OP. Because of this shortfall, there will not be a reduction in the budget cuts to academic units, even if the overall budget cut to the campus is reduced by the May revise.

There was an extensive discussion concerning the proposed tax on carry-forward funds, the STIP sweep, funding for start-ups, and TAS reductions. The deans were in general agreement that they would prefer being given a cut and the discretion to decide how to take that cut, rather than having specific areas targeted for action, like the carry-forward tax.

FTE allocations for appointments in 2009 (Zedeck)

Units will receive letters with the lists of current and continuing searches. Deans are asked to prioritize the areas of searches. Search authorizations will not be taken away from units, but authorizations may be postponed for a year or two.

Level of appointments (Zedeck)

Handout: Academic Personnel Guidelines: Limitations on level of Appointments in FTE and ads

Work continues on guidelines. Please see handout and send comments directly to VP Zedeck.

Faculty salary research exchange program (Zedeck)

Handout: Faculty Salary Research Exchange Program (FSREP)

Please send comments on this proposal directly to VP Zedeck.

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