

**Notes
Council of Deans
September 18, 2007**

Executive Vice Chancellor's Remarks (Breslauer)

The Public Affairs Office is working with the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) to publish a correction to the faculty retention numbers cited in the paper's Hewlett news coverage and subsequent editorial.

EVCP Breslauer led a discussion about the recent surge of robberies and incidents of harassing and threatening behaviors that have been taking place against faculty, staff, and students. AVC Upshaw reminded everyone of two CALMessages, which were both issued on September 13:

Chancellor Birgeneau to Deans and Chairs on "Responding to Threatening and Potentially Violent Situations"

https://mossberg.berkeley.edu/CALmessages/display_message.asp?d=9/13/2007&s=103

Chief of Police Vicki Harrison to Faculty and Staff on "Campus Safety"

https://mossberg.berkeley.edu/CALmessages/display_message.asp?d=9/13/2007&s=105

The deans asked that the Chancellor's email be reissued to faculty and students.

Guest Irene Hegarty, Director, Community Relations, announced that the campus is awaiting confirmation from Mayor Ron Dellums to an invitation to attend the November 6 Council of Deans meeting. The purpose of his visit will be to promote closer partnerships between the campus and the City of Oakland. She distributed a fact sheet entitled "University of California, Berkeley — Serving the Oakland Community through Research and Public Service" that her office prepared for Mayor Dellums. The deans were invited to send her any additions to the fact sheet.

Undergraduate Student Learning Initiative (Maslach)

Handout: Brief on Undergraduate Student Learning Initiative (Emailed to the deans as an agenda attachment by L. Geske-Morgan on September 14.)

VP Maslach announced a joint Academic Senate and campus administration initiative to support departments in establishing educational goals and assessment procedures for all undergraduate programs by June 2008. As a result of this process, faculty and students will have a shared understanding of the purpose of the major and what graduating seniors are expected to know or to be able to do at the end of their course of study. EVCP Breslauer has asked Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Christina Maslach to lead the effort.

Deans and department chairs will be asked by EVCP Breslauer and Academic Senate Chair William Drummond to identify a faculty representative, who will provide the primary leadership for this effort at the department level. The Division of Undergraduate Education will provide online tools and templates to support this effort, as well as expert consultation. Cynthia Schrager, special assistant to VP

Maslach, is the project manager for the initiative. Senior Instructional Designer Robert Schlick will lead the workshops and will provide additional consultation to support faculty representatives in their important roles.

This initiative focuses on faculty expectations for student learning and is compatible with the reporting requirements of our institutional accrediting agency, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Its principles are in keeping with the fundamental principle at Berkeley that the evaluation of student achievement should be locally defined, discipline-specific, and faculty-driven.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Maslach)

Handout: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Fall 2007 brochure

VP Maslach announced the launching of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The center is made possible by the Bernard Osher Foundation, which supports Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes at university and college campuses in offering lifelong learning. Membership is open to people age 50 and above from the campus community and the public. The deans were encouraged to send VP Maslach their thoughts and ideas for courses and Berkeley faculty and graduate student instructors.

Rising to the Chancellor's Challenge (Szeri)

Handout: 1) Ways to Give (<http://ourpromise.berkeley.edu>) and 2) Faculty Donors to the Named Fund Initiative and the Chancellor's Challenge Matching Programs, Oct. 2005-Sept. 2007

Dean Szeri described "The Chancellor's Challenge for Student Support, which is the Chancellor's new matching gift program to encourage faculty, emeriti faculty, staff, and student donations to Berkeley's endowment. The Chancellor's Challenge will match gifts made by members of the campus community to any need-based scholarship or graduate fellowship fund. Dean Gjerde and Dean Levi talked about the leadership they each provided to persuade faculty to pledge to the new program.

Leveraging Existing Chairs to Fund Faculty Salaries and Graduate Student Fellowships (Breslauer)

Due to lack of time, this topic will be rescheduled.

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