

**Notes
Council of Deans
April 7, 2009**

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Remarks (Breslauer)

The campus hopes to announce the appointment of the new Director of Cal Performances in a few weeks.

Final interviews are underway in the recruitment for the Dean of the School of Journalism.

The reorganization of international and area studies is progressing. The search committee for the new Director of the Institute of International Studies has been created. The Director will be a member of the Council of Deans.

Professor Ron Gronsky has agreed to serve as Special Faculty Assistant to the Chancellor for International Relations. Professor Gronsky will be responsible for the campus's international protocol activities.

EVCP Breslauer distributed the March 2009 issue of "Media Highlights."
(http://www.berkeley.edu/news/in_news/highlights/)

Chancellor's Remarks (Birgeneau)

Chancellor Birgeneau announced the appointment of Graham Fleming as the new VC—Research. He led the group in thanking Associate VC Price for his contributions as Interim VC.

The Chancellor recounted the highlights of his recent trip to New York, including visits to the Ford Foundation and the New York Times.

General Counsel's Meeting with Campus Deans (Smith)

Guest: Michael Smith, Chief Campus Counsel and Associate General Counsel

UC General Counsel Charlie Robinson and Acting Deputy General Counsel David Birnbaum will be making their annual campus visit on April 8. The deans were briefed on possible discussion topics.

Budget Update and General Discussion (Breslauer)

UCOP has approved the new systemwide Voluntary Separation Programs (VSP) and issued general guidelines to the campuses. The program's primary objective is to enable the use of voluntary separation arrangements as a means to reduce spending. Each campus has been given the authority to begin adopting the VSP for local implementation. Campus VSP plans must first be approved by OP. The Berkeley campus will send out information about VSP to all employees within the week.

Miscellaneous

EVCP Breslauer asked Dean Levi and Dean Mathies to talk about their successful efforts in tapping the generosity of their faculty to support new graduate student fellowships.

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