

**Notes
Council of Deans
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Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Announcement (Breslauer)

Handouts: Chancellor Birgeneau and EVCP Breslauer CalMessage to the UC Berkeley community about the current economic situation, dated December 15, 2008, 2) Draft measures for cost savings and revenue generation (not for distribution), 3) New IT and administrative systems in the pipeline, and 4) UCB Compliance Landscape.

EVCP Breslauer walked through the major points of the December 15 CalMessage that Chancellor Birgeneau and he sent to faculty, staff, and students about the current economic situation. He highlighted the decisions that the administration has made in consultation with the Academic Senate, on how to position the campus both to address its immediate budget issues and to plan for the financial challenges that are still to come.

The EVCP distributed as information, a draft list of the brainstorming ideas that the Chancellor's budget advisory committee has developed so far for cost-savings and revenue-generation.

AVC Waggener distributed a list of new IT and administrative systems projects that are currently underway. The list was prepared in response to an internal College and Letters and Science report on the need for administrative systems improvements.

The EVCP and VP Zedeck are consulting with the Budget Committee about temporarily suspending until a new automated system is in place, the departmental requirement of submitting course evaluations for faculty promotion and merit cases. A task force under the leadership of VP Maslach has been working on recommendations for the new system. Aware that units have been experimenting locally with commercial software, the EVCP cautioned units away from seeking local solutions that might end up being more costly in the long run. During the discussion that followed, it became evident that there were inconsistencies among the units for submitting course evaluations; VP Zedeck said that Assistant Provost Owen and he would raise this with the Budget Committee.

Interim AVC Costantinidis announced that the EVCP's 2009-10 TAS allocation memo might be delayed until late March or early April. The TAS request letter will be mailed soon.

The EVCP asked AVC Upshaw to review the history of the use of the "associate" and "assistant" title prefixes among members of the senior administration as possible evidence of rising costs in administrative salaries. AVC Upshaw discovered that 80% of new title holders were incumbents whose titles had been upgraded; the remaining were new appointments. AVC Upshaw will be reviewing next the percentage of the campus's total expenditures spent on the salaries of top administrators.

EVCP Breslauer distributed a chart entitled "UCB Compliance Landscape" to illustrate

the nearly three dozen risk areas for which the campus's Campus Ethics & Compliance Risk Committee will be responsible for monitoring for risk compliance under the UC Ethics, Compliance and Audit Program.

Chancellor's Remarks (Birgeneau)

The Chancellor started a discussion about designing a media campaign to build public support for Berkeley that the campus can then use to influence the state's budget deliberations. Some of the deans recalled former EVCP Gray's efforts of about five years ago when the campus last faced successive years of serious budget deficits. Paul Gray's message was to demonstrate UC's key role in contributing to research and development that benefited the local and state economies. The deans strongly encouraged the Chancellor and the EVCP to update Paul Gray's presentations as a starting point towards developing an ongoing media and communications plan.

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