

**Notes
Council of Deans
March 17, 2009**

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Remarks (Breslauer)

The impact to UC of the state's new \$8 billion shortfall will not be known until the Governor's May budget revision. The campus is expecting UCOP's decision about the voluntary separation program, but there will be no decision from UCOP about employee furloughs until later in the spring.

The EVCP congratulated Paul Wright, Director of CITRIS, for securing a donation of design software from Siemens worth \$60 million.

EVCP Breslauer will be away from campus March 23-31 and April 8-10.

Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (Basri)

VC Basri gave a slide presentation on the new Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Planning and Assessment System (PAS), a process with a multi-year timeline, which is designed to help academic and administrative units develop their own strategic plans for equity, diversity, and inclusion. The VC-Equity and Inclusion Office (E&I) will work with each unit to develop its strategic plan and provide templates, data, best practices, and standard metrics.

Activity in Progress to Secure Federal Stimulus Funds (Price)

Handouts: 1) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Allocations \$21.5B in Federal Research and Development (R&D) Funding, 2) NIH Calls for Proposals "Limited Submission," and 3) NIH Calls for Proposals "Unlimited Submission."

Interim VC Price gave an overview of the research and development funding that has been allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (aka federal stimulus package) to the NIH, NSF, DOE, and NIST. The specific mechanisms for how the agencies intend to allocate funding have not yet been announced, but the general principles for the allocations are as follows:

- 1) Most research money will fund proposals already in the agencies' pipelines,
- 2) Funding for facilities construction and renovation, large equipment, and shared instrumentation will involve calls for new proposals,
- 3) Agencies will move rapidly and universities will spend quickly, and
- 4) Universities will have to follow new and onerous reporting requirements.

The NIH issued two requests for applications (RFA) for construction, renovation, and repairs. Both will require a high degree of campuswide coordination because each institution is allowed only a very limited number of RFAs, and submissions are due in May and September. The Council of Science and Engineering Deans are currently gathering campus suggestions for NIH proposals and will select the projects for

development as proposals to NIH. AVC Diane Leite and her staff at Research Enterprise Services (RES) will provide assistance with proposal preparation.

Use of Grant Funds for Faculty Buy-outs (Breslauer)

This topic will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Incentives for Deans to Encourage START and Voluntary Separation Option, If Approved. Incentives for Deans to Encourage Faculty Buy-Outs (Breslauer)

This topic will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Feedback on the Leadership Forum and Campuswide Messages Sent by the Chancellor, EVCP, and VC-Administration. (Breslauer)

The deans shared faculty and staff reactions to the March 10 Leadership Forum and the two campuswide emails from the Chancellor and EVCP Breslauer, and VC Brostrom about the campus's strategies for addressing the budget shortfall.

Preparation for Faculty Forum in Late April (Hoffman/Holmes)

The group offered advice on how to prepare for the faculty town hall.

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