

**Notes  
Council of Deans  
May 5, 2009**

**Presentation on Degree Audit Reports System (DARS) (Maslach/De Luca)**

Guest: University Registrar Anne De Luca

VP Maslach and Registrar De Luca asked the deans to strongly encourage their academic departments to begin using DARS, the campus's web-based, up-to-date real-time degree tracking system for undergraduates. Although DARS has been in operation for many years, most departments have yet to use and maintain it. To work as it was intended, DARS must provide students with accurate and up-to-date degree audit information. It is therefore critical that all academic departments maintain the system with current data about undergraduate program and degree requirements as well as exceptions made to individual students. Without full participation from all departments, a student's degree audit is inaccurate. Registrar De Luca urged departments who have been hesitating about using DARS to view the system again. DARS use has grown significantly over the last two years due to improvements in functionality. Representatives from the College of Natural Resources and the College of Engineering gave enthusiastic testimonials about DARS as a tracking tool embraced by their students and as a system valued by staff and faculty advisors for improving student advising and for reducing staff workloads. At the deans' request, Registrar De Luca will prepare a rollout plan leading to the adoption of DARS by 100% of our academic departments.

Deans Szeri and Midanik asked that DARS become available for graduate students too.

Registrar De Luca agreed to explore Interim Dean Davis's proposal that DARS be able to link to student financial aid information.

**EVCP's Remarks (Breslauer)**

The EVCP asked the deans to include in their hiring freeze exemption requests, the total number of exemption requests they received for their division or college and the number of requests they chose not to forward to the EVCP for approval.

VC Brostrom said that if the five state budget-related propositions fail in the May 19 special election, the state will not pursue tax increases but instead, implement additional budget cuts. He cautioned deans against requesting hiring freeze exemptions for positions funded with campus funds if there were any chance the positions might be eliminated in a future permanent UC budget cut.

**Chancellor's Remarks (Birgeneau)**

Chancellor Birgeneau reported news and observations from his AAU and IARU meetings.

## **Campus Resources and Responses to the Global Flu Outbreak (Brostrom/Buchman)**

Guest: Brad Buchman, Medical Director, Tang Center

Director Buchman said that there have been no reports of H1N1 cases on the campus. The City of Berkeley has no plans to ask the campus to close. Although the initial alarm about the new H1N1 virus has dissipated, the virus could still evolve and develop, especially in the fall. Campus officials have activated the Pandemic Flu Preparedness Team to collaborate on campus-wide preparations and coordination with local, state and federal health authorities to monitor the swine flu outbreak. University Health Services (UHS) has posted a swine flu resource page for the campus community. Faculty, staff and students who become ill with flu symptoms should stay home. During final exam time, faculty should honor students who are ill and have to stay home. The campus Proctoring Service is a resource for advice on how to provide students with testing accommodations.

## **IT Security (Waggener)**

AVC Waggener announced that the campus has been investigating a computer breach that resulted in the theft of personal information from databases in University Health Services (UHS). The victims are current and former UCB students, as well as their parents and spouses if linked to insurance coverage, who had UHS health care coverage or received services. The databases also contained personal information for Mills College students who received or were eligible for health care coverage from UCB. Details about the computer breach will be announced within the week.

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