

**Notes  
Council of Deans  
November 18, 2008**

**Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Announcement (Breslauer)**

EVCP Breslauer distributed copies of an email sent by Chair Robert Ritchie to his faculty in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. The letter asked faculty to make sacrifices to deal with the impacts of reduced TAS funding in order for the department to maintain its educational mission. The EVCP praised the letter as an example of leadership in difficult financial times.

Jan de Vries, former VP Academic Affairs and Faculty Welfare, has agreed to serve as Interim Dean of Social Sciences through June 2009. Recruitment for the new dean has begun and the ad has been posted (<http://vpaafw.chance.berkeley.edu/deansearches.html>). Expressions of interest are due February 17, 2009. Nominations or applications are restricted to full professors at Berkeley; they need not be members of the Division of Social Sciences, but must have sufficient knowledge about the Social Sciences to be successful in the position.

Henry Brady, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of UC Data/Survey Research Center, has been selected as the next dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP), effective July 2009. The news will be announced soon to the GSSP community, but no public statement will be made until the campus receives the Regents' approval. A new interim dean to succeed John Quigley will be named. The EVCP introduced Associate Dean Kim Voss, who has been attending the meetings as GSPP's representative.

Paul Wright has been appointed the new CITRIS Director.

Many public and private universities are sending letters to their communities to tell them about the variety of measures they are going to take to deal with their financial crises.

Berkeley will hold off on such an announcement until the state and University budget situations have stabilized. Next month's Cabinet Retreat will include a brainstorming session to find ways for the central campus to generate new revenue.

EVCP Breslauer and the six deans who have the largest number of faculty age 65 and above, are working on ideas for incentives that the campus can offer to eligible faculty or their departments to induce more faculty to retire. Dean Levi asked if it might be possible for eligible faculty to retire on a half-time basis. The Chancellor and the EVCP agreed to look into it.

Units can expect their TAS allocations for FY 2009-10 to be equal to what they received for FY 2008-09, regardless of the size of next year's budget cuts. Deans will be asked to offer a curriculum in FY 2009-10 that will be at least as large as that of FY 2007-08.

To accomplish this, they will need to supplement their EVCP TAS funds with their own resources. Cost savings from slowdowns in faculty hiring and retentions should provide some additional funds. Units that still find themselves in need of additional

TAS funds can send a request to the EVCP. Requests for additional EVCP funds to pay for new equipment and labs will be considered, but deans will be expected to try to find resources through fundraising first.

### **Chancellor's Remarks (Birgeneau)**

Chancellor Birgeneau said the search for the new VC Research is progressing rapidly.

The group received copies of the Chancellor's transmittal to Chair Firestone of his new paper "Access and Excellence" (<http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/chancellor/access> ). The paper describes the Chancellor's achievements during the first four years of his administration and sets out his personal vision for what must be accomplished over the next five years in order to sustain Berkeley's academic preeminence. The document was informed by a five-year review of the UCB Academic Strategic Plan, led by VP Koshland. The Chancellor's senior leadership team, the Academic Senate, and President Yudof contributed feedback and comments. "Access and Excellence" is intended to be a living, dynamic document.

He invited the group to send him their input.

### **Professional/Executive Education Programs—Key Considerations (Lyons/Wu)**

Handouts: UNEX: Continuing Education (Revenue-generating) Programs and Infrastructure; UNEX Revenue 2000-2008; Haas School of Business: CEE's Growth to Date; Continuing Education: Opportunities and Obstacles.

Dean Lyons and Dean Wu gave a workshop on how to create and market continuing education programs. The workshop was given in response to requests made at the last meeting during the brainstorming session on ways to cope with the budget cuts.

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