

**Notes
Council of Deans
November 4, 2008**

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's Announcement (Breslauer)

EVCP Breslauer eulogized Dean Jon Gjerde, who died last week.

Chancellor's Remarks (Birgeneau)

The Chancellor spoke enthusiastically about several recent interactions with foundations who are showing new or continuing interest in giving to public universities. The generosity of foundations and the campus's record-breaking success with fundraising as of the end of October are signs that support for Cal has not been dampened by the state of the economy. He added that AAU campuses across the country are struggling with drastically reduced budgets.

Cost Savings and Revenue Generation Strategies (Breslauer)

The group held a brainstorming session to generate ideas for revenue enhancements and budget reductions in anticipation of the 2009-10 budget cuts. There was broad interest in starting continuing education courses as a way of generating revenue. EVCP Breslauer agreed to set aside time at a future meeting to hold a workshop on creating a business model for continuing education.

2008 President Election (Brady)

Guest: Henry Brady, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of the UC Data/Survey Research Center.

Director Brady was invited to discuss the presidential election polls and give his predictions on who will be the next president of the United States. A very lively and cautiously upbeat question and answer period followed.

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