## Update with Provost Hexter

### Small Classes

- a. With the growth we’ve had in the past few years, class size has grown and the number of small classes has shrunk.
- b. While we continue to grow, departments need to think about what they would like to be able to offer their students in terms of large and small classes. Then, departments can work with the Deans and Provost to work on building small classes. Departments also should establish how many students per section is right for each of their classes.
- c. Ideally, these smaller classes would be offered for Fall 2016, but registration for Fall occurs in only a few months and these classes are dependent on room availability. A more realistic timeline would be for Spring 2017, but the Provost is open to hearing ideas on how to implement these classes sooner.

### UC Growth

- a. Office is strategizing how to handle this growth expected in the upcoming years. 2014 was a peak for enrollment and it was dialled back in 2015. The state is using 2014 as the base year for growth, so we will be enrolling significantly more than last year.
- b. There is a few ways growth is being dealt with.
  - i. We have worked with UCOP to take in a higher number of transfer students rather than freshman because they do not live in the dorms, use dining commons, and take as many gateway classes.
  - ii. We will be including more food trucks near the dorms to reduce crowding in the dining halls.
  - iii. We will be eliminating the 2nd year dorm residents, though this makes up only about three percentage of students and this option could provide a psychological safety net for students that are worried about living alone before they enter college.
- c. Many buildings are being renovated and built to accommodate more students in future years including new classes that will be done in 2018 and the renovation on Haring Hall. Not only number, but size of new classes should be considered.
- d. Student growth also means the need for additional faculty. We are receiving HIP applications, which could help resolve this issue. The types of faculty getting hired should not be based solely on which majors are growing. Cost of faculty salaries amongst various disciplines could also be considered. We have to consider that until we start building, we have no place to put new faculty. If we do develop more professional schools in Sacramento, there would be more faculty involved in that, but less involved with undergraduates.
- e. Attention from UCOP in regards to growth
  - i. Different campuses have different constraints for growth. UCOP seems to more readily understand constraints of other campuses than ours because we have the most land.
  - ii. President sees that Davis hasn’t received the support that other campuses have. UC Berkeley had not up-kept buildings and we inherited them.
iii. If we are to take on a greater portion of growth, we need the funding to make up for our constraints.

iv. We cannot continue to increase the cost because debt is already too high. State of California is noticing that campuses have been serving more out of state students to make up for lack of funding.

Next Visit to Executive Council
a. Will include discussion on MIV, Open Access, and Cybersecurity

Meeting Summary Review/Approval – December summary (Posted on ASIS)
- Summary was approved unanimously

Chair’s Update
Small classes
a. Professor Niemeier met with Sarah and Jason from BIA to use analysis to figure out how small classes can be implemented.
b. There have been concerns over the Newsweek result, which moved UCD to a lower ranking due to the lowering number of classes with less than 19 students.
c. Units could apply to a supplement for small class funding if their division is not able to provide funds to classes with a pedagogical reason for having a smaller class size. This application would be for departments and separate from the new budget model.

Retirement Options
a. Discussion is being led by Charley Hess. Consultation is out there, but is very abbreviated. We have a short amount of time to talk about an important topic with great repercussions
b. Town Hall meetings will take place the week of January 25th; responses are due by February 3rd. Task force will look at the campus response and submit a report by February 15th.
c. There was no negotiation with the Academic Senate on this matter. Faculty Association wrote a letter stating that they had no consultation from the governor.
d. Our salaries have been low, but benefits countered that, encouraging faculty to stay/accept offers. With health benefits and pensions being cut, it will be difficult to get and retain good staff and good faculty. There should have been consultation before these options were presented. Report went unchanged for a month, and was given to faculty with such little time that proper consultation is impossible. Funds were given in return for putting UC retirements to the level of state employees.
e. We need to convey that there is a need for faculty salaries to be raised, otherwise we will not be competitive. With options given, faculty salary will overall be less, and this could affect recruitment and retention. A message needs to be sent that the Office of the President cannot act without consultation on important issues.
f. There should be regular total remuneration studies to see effects of this change.

Department Chair Luncheons:
This is a quarterly listening session to hear from chairs. Last year issues came up that were brought up to administration using department chairs as leverage. Executive Council is invited and alternates are welcome for the February 3rd lunch.

Lack of class and lab space on campus
Concerns of maintaining academic quality while there are various pressures such as space. COCI has issued a position which states that COCI must review all proposals for class space. These will be approved per quarter, one class at a time. Requests for hybrid class instruction/online class instruction should be submitted for approval. Variance from approved class deliveries must be approved.

Criteria for academic credit
SAP- UGC Chair- what counts as academic rigor and what should count for academic credit. Courses have to include theory, not just practice. COCI does not agree with SAP. Majority of UGC agreed with COCI.

Task force to investigate academic integrity
This is an issue that should be looked at soon. It will be determined when a task force should be formed. CBS has already gone to Student Judicial Affairs about this issue.

Academic Advising
Meeting including Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Undergraduate Council and Chair of Graduate Council will take place regarding this issue.

How Regent Scholars being chosen
Should include formal Academic Senate involvement.

Committee under CPB regarding space.
There will be a bylaw change for space committee. It will also include an administrative workgroup.

CAP workload
Incoming work has been kept up but CAP is working at full capacity and cannot possibly take on any more work. This is an issue that may need to be addressed if work increases.

Undergraduate Policies – UGC Chair Ed Caswell Chen
- There will be a document with all Undergraduate Policies including a table of contents.
- Anyone who wants to know what needs to be submitted for new majors and minors, can find it here in this document.
- This will be based on PPM 200-25 but will now be a committee policy.

Proposed Legislation for Executive Council endorsement – CERJ Chair John Hunt
- Davis Division Regulation A540F – repeating courses with a “+” grade
  - Approved unanimously.
- Davis Division Regulation 521 (revisited)
  - Approved unanimously.