

Notes from Campus Community Council Meeting December 10, 2014

1. Update on Olsen Hall Incident – Nov. 24, 2014

The chancellor summarized issues relating to the student protest held in Olsen Hall on 11/24/14. Campus policy is to have Office of Student Affairs staff present at any student demonstration. Four staff members were at this event. A group of students asked them to leave. Two remained, with one encircled on the second floor for a time. Eventually all staff left the building. During this protest one male student became quite verbally abusive to several female students. Three women students filed a complaint against this student. Their complaint is being addressed through the Student Judicial Council, following policy

In addition, the chancellor received a letter from some faculty expressing their concern about the situation. They expressed concern that the staff member present did not intervene when the student became abusive. The chancellor explained that campus policy is for staff members to remain uninvolved in the conflict. They are not expected to intervene in such situations, nor are they trained to do so. If a situation escalates, then individuals should call 911. The faculty also asked the chancellor to issue a statement. She and the provost will respond, but their comments will address the broader issue of intolerance and not respond to the specifics of this incident per se.

An independent investigation of this incident is being conducted, in addition to the Student Judicial proceeding following the women students' specific complaint.

2. The Pantry – a food closet for UC Davis students

This issue was raised since requests for assistance to The Pantry was requested through the St. Martin's Episcopal Church bulletin. Staff Assembly representatives wondered by this request had left campus. Karl Engelbach will contact The Pantry and share information with CCC on what the current and anticipated needs are, as well as get contact information for campus groups that might want to lend assistance.

3. Fundraising Update:

Shaun Keister gave an overview of the Campaign for UC Davis that concluded in May 2014. In the last five years there has been a steady increase in donations and pledges, with \$167.5M in 2013-14. The cost/dollar raised was \$.13/\$1.00. Donations/pledges for 2014-15 ytd are encouraging at >\$93M. A quiet phase is underway for the next 3 years before public launch of the next campaign. Reaching out to alumni will be a major focus, with a need for volunteer faculty, staff, students, etc. assistance.

4. Staff Assembly Breakfast Update

The Staff Assembly chair initiated a program in April 2014 for staff members to have breakfast with the chancellor. 12-15 staff members are invited for breakfast each month. Staff members can apply on the Staff Assembly web page, indicating the topic(s) they would like to discuss with

the chancellor. Generally, discussions a breakfast veer away from the submitted topics. They are generally well received. Staff often offers creative ideas for improvements to campus programs but are frustrated that they are not heard. They are also interested in mentoring students and working with them more directly in practical ways. Discussion revolved around ways some of the staff suggestions could be brought to a broader forum for consideration and possible implementation.