

CCC Meeting November 14, 2014

Agenda

1. UC Long-Term Stability Plan for Tuition and Financial Aid (Katehi)
2. Campus Climate Survey Response (Reed)

The Chancellor was late arriving from another meeting so we began with item 2.

2. Campus Climate Survey Response

There was a system-wide meeting at Irvine to coordinate action/response among the 10 campuses. There was discussion about the issues and concern raised by the data and about what those data suggested in terms of action priorities. The data showed that 24% of the respondents had first hand knowledge of "bad behavior" and 8% had been the victim of that behavior. In all cases of abusive behavior there was a common thread: a power differential between the abuser and his/her victim (and there were faculty among the abusers).

UC will proceed with instituting training and other mechanisms for eliminating the problems. It had planned to do this anyway but there is another impetus: The California Code beginning in 2015 requires prevention of abusive conduct via training.

One possibility, relative to faculty, is to use end of quarter faculty evaluations to get at the issue of "classroom climate" although this idea may fly in the face of Faculty Senate rules about those evaluations. If so, other mechanism were discussed.

1. UC Long-Term Stability Plan for Tuition and Financial Aid

Undergraduates and some graduate students who were present at the meeting expressed considerable anger at the President's proposal for tuition raises over the next five years. However it also became clear that that proposal and the upcoming Regents' meeting to vote on it were strategies to get the attention of the Governor (who will be present at the meeting) and to "force" him to increase UC's annual budget. Then we had a long discussion about Jerry Brown, his many years of lukewarm support for the UC system and his view that California doesn't "need" a first-rate university. The Chancellor related his (Brown's) opinions on the topic that she had heard in public meetings, all of which confirmed the view that he (Brown) is no "friend" of UC. Strategies were discussed including direct action and its likelihood of success.

I'm not sure how this ended. The discussion continued well past 4:00 and since I had another commitment, I had to leave while the meeting was still going on.