

Coordinating Committee Chair Update

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The rumble of the N-Judah means it's time for the Coordinating Committee Report. This is Ruth Greenblatt, current Chair of the Committee. This update will cover recent doings at UCSF and UCwide that senate leaders should be aware of.



ITEM ONE. UCSF IT updates. In response to changing technical requirements and increasing cost, UCSF is leading a group of UC medical centers in IT planning, replacement and refreshment. It is anticipated that UCSF will make a \$200 million capital expenditure on IT. At UCSF it is anticipated that expenses will increase by \$27 million annually related to new IT services. UCSF (campus and medical center) will relocate our data center to a Dell facility in Quincy WA and the UC San Diego Super Computing facility. One site is the primary data repository and the other is back-up. The system utilizes CENIC fiberoptic pathways, and provides redundancy and resilience (including to seismic adversity). The change provides significant cost savings (\$3 million per year) after an initial investment. The Washington site utilizes hydropower, and thus provides carbon savings, and much cheaper power (current power costs for the UCSF data center run approx \$800K per year). UCSF will roll out an updated IT plan sometime before the end of this year. Since some faculty do not fit the common pattern of software and hardware use, for example, a researcher who has a piece of equipment networked to an older PC, we might try to identify some of the special use faculty, who might provide important input into IT modifications.



ITEM TWO. UC agreement with the state. UCOP and systemwide senate continue to scramble to accommodate the agreement with the Governor that UC will increase resident undergraduate admissions by 5,000. The planned funding of \$25M does not meet the estimated cost of each student, \$10K. Furthermore the agreement is stated for one year, though undergraduate admissions constitute a 4 year commitment. Additionally campuses are working to increase compatibility of specific courses and majors with the community colleges to facilitate ease of transfer from the colleges to UC. Goals also increase increasing the availability of 3 year matriculation to Bachelor's degrees, which necessitates summer sessions, and increased acceptance of AP high school credits. Another goal is to bring credit requirement for majors to 45 (so-called "Challenge 45"). While these initiatives are focused on the undergraduate programs, and UCSF often does not even appear in materials, there are likely to be repercussions for our campus. These could include impact on our diversity summer internship program, if students choose instead to pursue a 3 year degree. Additionally Challenge 45 may mean that UC students may not have the same array of course work required for some majors, for example physical chemistry for biology majors. We will have to see. It is important for admissions committees to anticipate increased applications from individuals who have passed through community colleges, which may benefit the diversity of our students.



ITEM THREE. Health system governance committee. As detailed in the J2 document presented on the Senate website, to ensure that the UC Health enterprise has a governance structure most effective in a changing healthcare environment (including ACA, industry consolidation, changes in public support for training, medical care and research), the CEOs of the 5 UCMC presented an assessment of drawbacks and obstacles they perceived in the existing oversight structure of UC Health. After study UC Health reported that governance structures be reviewed and evaluated on 7 criteria (efficiency, expertise, strategic guidance, effectiveness systemwide, alignment of research, education and patient care, local conditions, transaction costs and risk). Regent's discussion resulted in a proposal to revise its Committee on Health Services to retain 6 Regents and UC President, and add two UC Chancellors, and 4 non-voting members with expertise in health care issues. The Regents would delegate to the revised Committee on Health Services and UC President expanded approval authorities, which would not require further Regent's action limited by 3 categories of cost or value. This action requires 3 amendments to the University Bylaws.



ITEM FOUR. Space updates. The Regents pre-approved planning for the Cancer Center Outpatient Bldg, which means UCSF can now begin planning and design (final design goes back to the Regents). Additionally, the Regents pre-approved Block 33 planning which is targeted at $\approx 320K$ square feet BLDG at 3rd and Illinois. This will include laboratory and clinic space for Ophthalmology, which will in turn free space at 400 Parnassus for transplantation clinics. Some current Laurel Hts based people may also move in to that BLDG. The campus continues its efforts to expand student and faculty housing options.