

FACULTY BRIEFING

A newsletter for Faculty from Interim Provost and School of Dental Medicine Dean Jerold S. Goldberg

Dear Colleagues:

Last year, as many of you will recall, the University Plan Steering Committee came forward with a “plan to plan.” Now we are moving forward to develop an entire strategic plan for the university and its academic units. Our deadline – and it’s an important one – is to be able to present the plan for approval by the board of trustees in June 2008. Planning activities are under way in several of the academic units, and the Steering Committee has met to get the process moving at the university level. We see the plan as having three main elements:

- A set of over-arching goals for the entire university, with strategies to achieve them and metrics for measuring our progress.
- Goals, priorities and strategies for each of the schools and colleges, both drawing from and contributing to the university’s overall goals.
- Strategies for administrative areas to help support achievement of institutional and divisional goals.

There is wide agreement that a well-conceived and structured strategic plan can be a valuable resource for a university. Of itself, of course, planning assures us neither abundant new resources nor the end of periodic challenges. But without a widely shared set of goals and plans for achieving them, combined with solid leadership and careful management, we can be sure that additional resources will be more elusive and our challenges will be harder to overcome. There are those who remain somewhat skeptical about the university’s ability to set ambitious goals and to reach them – the turmoil of the past several years has certainly fueled that kind of uncertainty. Yet this institution and its people have a long track record of setting and achieving aggressive goals and I know we can do it again.

As we move through this process, we make two commitments to you. First, it will be transparent, with regular progress reports to the campus. Second, it will be participatory, with opportunities for all university constituencies to be heard and to influence the outcome. I look forward to your comments and suggestions, either in person, in one of the many forums we’ll be arranging, or via the planning Web site that will be accessible through the home page for the Provost’s Office.

The final plan needs to bring together our best thinking at all levels to advance the university in the years ahead. I will do everything I can to make it possible for faculty at all levels and other members of the university to play a role in shaping our directions for the future, and I know the members of the Steering Committee join me in that pledge. But I also believe in the adage, “the future belongs to those who show up.” Please do.

Sincerely,



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Faculty Senate

<http://www.case.edu/president/facsen/>

The Faculty Senate makes recommendations to the University Faculty and to the president for consideration and transmittal to the board of trustees. Much of the work of the Faculty Senate is done through its committees, whose work addresses issues related to the university budget, faculty personnel, research, graduate studies, fringe benefits, university libraries, information resources, the status of women faculty and minority affairs.

Faculty Senate meetings for 2007-2008 academic year

3:30-5:30 p.m.

2007: September 20, October 24,

November 19, December 18

2008: January 22, February 28, March 27, April 22

Adelbert Hall, Toepfer Room

University Undergraduate Faculty

<http://www.case.edu/president/uuf/>

The University Undergraduate Faculty (UUF) represents the constituent faculties involved in undergraduate education (arts and sciences, engineering, management, nursing and several departments and programs in medicine). The constituent faculties,

acting through the UUF, recommend to the Faculty Senate standards of admission and academic requirements for students, curricula and content of existing degree programs, standards and facilities for research and scholarship, new degrees and the discontinuance of existing degrees.

UUF meetings for 2007-2008 academic year

Annual meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 27

Clapp Hall, Room 108

General Faculty Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Location TBD

Executive Committee

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Thursdays

2007: September 27, October 25,

November 15, December 20,

2008: January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24

Adelbert Hall, Room 352

Curriculum Committee

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursdays

2007: October 4, November 1, December 6

2008: January 10, February 7, March 6,

April 3, May 8

Adelbert Hall, Room 352

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Save the Date

- September 29
Supper Club Kickoff Party for university administration, faculty and their guests
- October 3
Dedication ceremony for new Alumni House
- October 5
Common reading lecture with David K. Shipler, author of *The Working Poor: Invisible in America*
- October 11
Fourth Annual Women of Achievement Luncheon honoring women faculty
- November 1
Allen and Constance Ford Distinguished Lecture
- November 5
Dedication of new Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations
- February 29, 2008
Case Concert Celebration at Severance Hall

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