



May 22, 2009

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Dear President Yudof,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC), I am writing to you in our advisory capacity, as stated in the Presidential Statement on the Status of the Librarians Association of the University of California, APM 360, Appendix B. In particular, Article II (Duties and Responsibilities), Section I states: "LAUC is authorized to serve in an advisory capacity to the University on professional and governance matters of concern to all librarians." The UC librarians are keenly aware of the severity of the State budget deficit and have been following, with great interest, the proposed amendment to Standing Order 100.4 by which furloughs or salary reductions for some or all segments of the workforce could be imposed after a declaration of emergency and following a detailed consultation and review process.

Discussion Item C7 for the May 7 special meeting of the Committee on Compensation included an Attachment 2, 'Draft Furlough/Salary Reduction Guidelines,' in which appears a non-exclusive list of recommended individuals who should constitute a strategic planning committee or task force for the campus.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/regmeet/may09/c7attach2.pdf>

This list of individuals is preceded by the phrase: "This Committee should be comprised of **at least** [emphasis added] the following individuals."

LAUC is the appropriate body to provide comments on behalf of the UC librarians, non-Senate academic appointees, and we should have a place in the campus strategic planning and consultative process. We recommend that each appropriate LAUC division chair be added to the list of individuals consulted before a declaration of emergency is issued.

The UC librarians value the important service we provide to the success of UC's tripartite mission and welcome this additional advisory and consultative role on behalf of each campus division and the System as a whole.

I look forward to hearing from you about how LAUC may continue to play a role during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Sam Dunlap
LAUC President, 2008-2009

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