

Tanner Meeting

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Next floating lectures

University of Capetown and Western Cape, South Africa
Charles University, Prague

Policy that Tanner Lectureship requires attendance by president at annual meeting (will talk to both Benno Schmidt and Neal Rudenstine)

Next meeting will be at Oxford (Ditchley Hall)

on June 23, 24, 25

...arrival June 23

...meeting days June 24, 25

...Stratford on June 26

Will try to use morning of June 25 for discussion of futures issues for higher education

JJD and Chase Petersen will set this up

...will develop a set of possible discussion topics

...HTS will provide copies of papers from U Chicago symposium on University of the 21st Century (to celebrate Chicago Centennial)

...JJD will keep group posted on NSB effort

This proposal was supported very enthusiastically by the group (Gardner, Kennedy, Shapiro...). They agreed that this was the right group to begin talking about these issues)

(JJD might do some background work with each of the presidents to get ready for the meeting.)

(Another idea: Might want to involve the Oxford and Cambridge Vice-Chancellors in this first meeting.)

Some discussion about using funds for a floating lecture for a small symposium...it is clear that Tanners believe that environmental issues and global change is an area of great importance and great interest.

David Gardner

"The forces sweeping us into the next century..."

UC, Stanford, CIT, USC are forming an "institute" to provide advice to California congressional delegation... and to serve as a point of coordination

UC needs to cover \$295 M...about 15%...through cuts, tuition increases, retirements, layoffs

...4,000 retirements and layoffs

(NOTE: UC has a defined benefits retirement plan which is presently overfunded. Hence they have just added 5 years to the benefits of anyone interested in this option.)

...6,000 enrollment cut (our of 260,000)

...no salary program this year (either merit or COLA)

JJD brought Gardner up to date on

ICR

DIngell

NSF Traineeship

DG acknowledged that he really hasn't been following things for past 8 months, but that he would try to come back up to speed. He promised he would see if they couldn't get the California delegation in a more positive frame (using Paul Sweet as a coordination point).

DG agreed that BHEF might take on higher education issues as a key agenda and agreed to speak to Colby Chandler about this.

Don Kennedy

Stanford is quietly renegotiating to increase 55% rate

...most concerned about "cross-over charges" in OMB regs...it sounds like they won't have problem with

cap if this is handled OK (as I expected)

Will be running major deficits for next two years

...believe they have a \$40 M structural budget problem, both from ICR and research funding falloff

...Kennedy was worried that the real pain will be in next two years

(David Gardner said he felt Don was in big trouble... might not be able to ride this one out)

Lots of discussion about Dingell situation

Kennedy wondered if one could make a frontal assault on the ethnical behavior of the O&I staff...whether the press would become involved

Noted that he believed that Peter Stockman was the real problem...and that perhaps the key approach was to figure out a way to so discredit him that Dingell was forced to fire him (which he has done on several earlier occasions)

Stanford has also heard that the best way to get to Dingell was through Bill Ford...but they didn't have any way to go this route. Instead they used members of California delegation...to no avail.

Harold Shapiro

Princeton has a 34% ICR administrative rate...so they will be hit hard by cap (HTS mentioned \$8 M). But he didn't seem too worried about it...

Believes this has been the roughest year for higher ed in some time...and that AAU has not only been useless but counterproductive