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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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It might be well to bring to the attention of the Committee the action of the Civil Service Commission regarding salary increases for scientists which discriminates against biologists. This is a serious matter as it tends to make biological scientists second-class citizens and it is most likely to be reflected in decreased support of research in the biological sciences. Some concerted effort needs to be made to counteract this move. Furthermore, the biological sciences are not adequately represented on Mr. Killian's scientific committee.

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Consideration might be given to having a frank discussion with the Advisory Committee regarding the UCLA program. If such is done, we should place before them our reservations regarding the program, and, if possible, plans for dealing with the situation.

Both of these topics are, I believe, of general concern to the Division rather than any single branch.

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