MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, February 3, 2000, at 2:10 p.m. in the Commons Terrace Rooms C & D. Chairman Irwin W. Sherman presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of the November 4, 1999, were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT: November 11 is now a University Holiday and since it falls on a Saturday this year, it will be observed on Friday, November 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach announced that the Governor’s proposed budget has been submitted and it is now up to the Legislature. The Governor’s budget is at a record 12.1% increase in permanent funding. UC Mexus will get a tremendous boost with a $5 million increase on a permanent basis. Additionally, there is $5 million for Engineering which has been approved. Also, UC will profit enormously from the $8 million allocation for Internet II funding.

UC Riverside is being discussed as a potential campus for one of three Science and Technology Centers. The Chancellor said, "We need to compete for large core grants to receive funds to be competitive and perhaps a MRL such as Engineering Research or Social Sciences so we can be in the running with the other larger campuses."

The Chancellor spoke briefly on the presentation made at the Regent’s meeting in January concerning the growth picture at UC. Tidal Wave II is based on projected student enrollment; it is anticipated that 63,000 more students will be enrolled by 2012. What we do in the next couple of years will be significant in determining the future of our campus. There are many challenges to face: high rate of growth, faculty recruitment, increasing the community college transfer rate, increased state support for operations and facilities, and increased Federal and private support.

Some Solutions: increase fall, winter, spring, expanded summer quarter, move students off campus to satellite sites, shorter time to degree, more technology. There is presently no funding for an expanded summer quarter, but there will be enrollment pressure.

Chancellor Orbach noted the many construction sites going on at UC Riverside: The Barn renovation, student housing, Fine Arts Building, Chemistry facility, Rivera Library, Boyce Hall, Insectory and quarantine Facility, and the Entomology building. Engineering II is slated to move ahead and Education is under consideration.

"Freshmen applications are up 18%. We are up on the numbers of underrepresented students, and have more UC eligible underrepresented students than any other campus. This is an exciting time for our campus. We are in very good shape, and though we are short on buildings it is still a great time for opportunities."

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Chair Sherman introduced UCR’s new athletic Director Stan Morrison who spoke briefly. Morrison said, "The reality is that we are in year one of a two-year transition in athletics to Division 1. We have 11 intercollegiate sports and will be hiring more head coaches taking us to 15."
"Going to Division 1 is a mental process as well as a physical one. Energy level is high. We are now in a position to offer scholarships at Division 1 level. Opportunities are opening up and we must send the message out to the community to set our sights higher and change the way people think about athletics. Great universities are about great people. Our coaches have been told to only bring student athletes to this university who can graduate. Faculty are encouraged to talk to the Athletic Director if there any problems, or with suggestions and ideas.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

I. Consent Calendar: The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.

II. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Reports of the Standing Committees were placed on file

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction: Committee Chair, Professor J. C. Laursen, moved to adopt the proposed change in bylaw 8.9.3.5--Committee on Academic Computing and Information Technology as found on page 26 of the Call. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

B. Executive Committee, School of Education Chair R. Page, presented and moved adoption of the proposed name change from the School of Education to the Graduate School of Education as found on page 27 of the Call. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

C. Executive Committee, College of Engineering Chair M. Molle, presented and moved adoption of the name change from the Program in Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical Engineering as found on page 30 of the Call. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

D. Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences member D. Crohn, presented and moved adoption of the proposed name change from the Department of Neuroscience to the Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience as found on page 37 of the Call. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

E. Graduate Council Chair W. Kuhr, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the degree title from M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biochemistry to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology as found on page 41 of the Call. There was no discussion and the motion was passed without dissent.

Professor T. H. Morton, Chair of the Committee on Library asked for and was given the floor to comment on the Digital Library situation. We will lose Melvyl in about a year. We cannot offer electronic databases, we will require search engines which we cannot afford. Professor Morton wanted to point out that this is something that could be a drain of the library resources. Professor Sherman commented that these concerns were well founded.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Wright, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate