MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, at 2:10 p.m. in the Commons Terrace Rooms C & D. Chairman Irwin W. Sherman presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual and Regular meeting of the May 25, 2000, meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach began by saying that this promises to be a year of great excitement. This past year has been exemplary. A Press-Enterprise editorial gave us the greatest accolade. It has been a tremendous year for quality faculty recruitment. Our graduate student enrollment increased sharply; our average GRE scores are up again; and there has been a growth in recognition of our faculty. UC Riverside tied for leadership in the nation with the number of faculty who were elected as Fellows to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Enrollment is at 13,063 for paid and enrolled students. For the first time we broke through 13,000. The number of new registered freshmen is 3,128, an all time high. As a result, we are no longer the smallest campus in the system. The continuation rate went up sharply which helped tremendously. Currently we are 300 students over target which will help to generate funds."

Chancellor Orbach covered three other important topics. The Child Development Center is over subscribed. The UC Regents will propose a special initiative to the Governor for a one time funding for capital construction for child care. UCR has proposed a two and a half million dollar request for expansion of the Center.

"The Proposal for a School of Law at UC Riverside is on track with plans to re-submit our proposal to Academic Council. There have been some major changes in response to the review by the Academic Council. The two major changes are to locate the school on campus, and the formation of a Blue Ribbon Committee which has been of tremendous assistance in enhancing and refining the proposal. Our continued association with the legal community continues with a Legal Education Center that is currently under consideration. A revised draft of The School of Law Proposal is under way and it will be submitted to Academic Council for re-review and then on to the Office of the President for sending it on to the Regents, hopefully in time for the July meeting. The UC Irvine Proposal for a Law School should not be considered as competition but should serve to encourage us to make ours better."

The third topic the Chancellor discussed was the Proposal for an Institute for Agricultural Genomics. We are in the final stages of this proposal. Chancellor Orbach asked that the brochure be passed out. Six of the 11 proposals went through a preliminary review. UC Riverside was one of the 6 as well as one of the lead campuses; partnered with Berkeley and Davis. Unfortunately Berkeley refused any support so Riverside contributed 60% and 40% came from Davis. A close relationship was formed with these two campuses as well as every school and college on this campus. The proposals were reviewed by an external panel. There were many
pluses and minuses of our proposal with the pluses outweighing the minuses. We stand a good chance because of the quality of the scientists, and the leadership of Mike Clegg who agreed to be the Director of the Institute. Our major advantages are the Experiment Station and Agriculture Extension. The proposals will be presented to the President of the University, re-reviewed and then taken to the Governor and a decision should be made by the end of November." The Chancellor remains hopeful indicating that this Institute would be a major asset to our campus, should our proposal be chosen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS -- Secretary-Parliamentarian Election reports

Professor Wright gave a report of the election as listed on page 4 of the Call and noted that an error as made on page 5. It should have read that the election for Representative to the Assembly was between Professor H. E. Johnson and Professor J. Wudka, rather than G. L. Zahn. The correction was noted and will be made.

He further announced that one nomination was received for a one year unexpired term for the Committee on Committees from the professional schools. Dr. Sherman asked for additional nominations from the floor. Professor Molle nominated Professor C. Ravishankar, College of Engineering. The nomination was seconded and will go to a mail ballot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Chair Sherman presented Marla Jo Booth of the Academic Senate with her 15 year Service pin. She was congratulated by the body.

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. Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Chair, D. Crohn presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in R6.6 as found on page 62 of the Call. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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