The UC Assembly of the Academic Senate met at UCLA on Wednesday, October 31, 2001. The Assembly was well attended and President Atkinson addressed the Assembly and touched on many issues, where most of them are budget related. He then answered many questions. Details of President Atkinson’s remarks are available at the UCR Academic Senate Office. Among the issues he addressed are:

- **Budget Cut and Its Impact:**
  
  - There will be budget cut for the next academic year; however, it will not be as bad as it is in other sectors of government due to the need to accommodate the expected increase in enrollment. The budget cuts may not exceed 10% for the UC.
  - Salary adjustments are limited to 0.5% this year and for next year it will be subject to the State’s financial position.
  - Implementation of dual admission has been postponed.
  - Annual educational fee waivers for dependents of eligibility faculty and staff have been postponed.
  - Summer instructional expansion, which started last summer at UCB, UCLA and UCSB, is slowed down, even though support for it from Sacramento remains strong.
  - UC has been asked to comply with the provisions of the Governor’s two executive orders, on the hiring freeze and on the budget cuts, to the extent possible without interfering with the UC educational mission.

- The Commission on the Growth and Support of Graduate Education has completed its report and recommended the increase in the graduate enrollment within the UC System by 11,000 students by the year 2010. Such a growth is expected to require an additional $215 million annual in graduate students support and to compete for the best students.

- A Study titled, “UC and the SAT: Predictive Validity and Differential Impact of the SAT I and SAT II at the University of California,” has been completed and submitted to the UC Regents. This study recommends dropping SAT I and replace it by two extra SAT II exams; i.e., admission into the UC System will require 5 SAT II exams.

- UC has committed to the expeditions development and approval of a new joint degree programs with CSU, particularly those in Education.
The Assembly discussed and approved the following two items. Again, details of these two items can be obtained from the office of UCR Academic Senate.

1. Comprehensive Admission Policy: The new policy recommended by BOARS is similar to the current admission policy but there is a need to implement all of its 14 elements. To assess in the implementation of the new policy the UC Administration has added $750,000 to support the extra staffing required for studying the applications.

2. Revisions of Academic Personnel Manual (APM) Section 015, Faculty Conduct and the Administration of Discipline, and New Section 016, on Code of Conduct. Some of the main highlights of the new revision are “demotion” as a sanction is limited to cases when the misconduct is relevant to the academic advancement process of the faculty member and should be consistent with the merit based system for advancement; the addition of salary reduction as a sanction for misconduct without change in rank or step and denial or curtailment of emeritus status.