MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, February 21, 2002, at 2:10 p.m. in the Commons Terrace Room, C & D. Chairman Irwin W. Sherman presided.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 29, 2001, were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach announced that this would probably be his last meeting of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate as he has been nominated for the position of Director of the Office of Science by President Bush. Executive Vice Chancellor D. H. Warren has agreed to step in as Acting Chancellor; Dean S. Tripathi will take on the position of Acting Executive Vice Chancellor and Professor M. Matusmoto will take over as acting Dean of the College of Engineering. The process for selecting a new Chancellor is already under way. Chancellor Orbach said that the past ten years at UCR have been wonderful years for himself and his wife, Eva. They will always remain a part of the UCR family and their hearts will always be here.

The Chancellor discussed some budgetary issues. He referred to the Governor's Budget stating that merit increase funding for both faculty and staff at 1 1/2% level have been approved. Other areas were hard hit: cost of living was 0%; parity also 0%. Health benefit increases have been severe. Chancellor Orbach said we are working very hard to add 1/2% to COLA. The governor's budget is based on a three year plan and it will be a lean three years. We will find out in the May revision how severe the cuts will be.

He believes a student fee increase would not be approved by the Governor this year. There is a proposal with CPEC to develop a student fee policy throughout the UC system. The proposal would include a stated policy for smoothing fee increases for funding of the universities and to set a number that would be fair.

Chancellor Orbach said that the Governor was prepared to fully fund enrollment growth. UCR is over enrolled by 350 students, 200 of which have been funded. The Chancellor also said that we could grow more than projected but not without major consequences.

Per the Chancellor, a draft proposal for a summer quarter and the summer semester system is being phased in; and there will be year round operation for all campuses. All campuses are supposed to participate; only Davis is doing it year round due to budget cuts. The President's Office has come up with a concept of Freshman Seminars, guaranteeing every Freshman the opportunity to take a seminar taught by a ladder faculty with no more than 20 students in each seminar. An incentive to teach the seminars is $2,000 per quarter for each faculty put into a research fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Chair Sherman expressed his appreciation and that of the Senate for Chancellor Orbach's outstanding ten years at UCR. A standing ovation was offered.

Chair Sherman announced that a Town Meeting would be held on March 18, 2002 regarding the issues of SAT I and urged everyone to attend.
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 Engineering Chair M. R. Matsumoto presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the B. S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

B. Executive Committee, College of Engineering Chair M. R. Matsumoto presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the B. S. Degree in Electrical Engineering. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

C. Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Chair J. C. Briggs presented and requested that the proposed change to the Art Major be pulled. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

D. Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Chair J. C. Briggs presented and requested that the proposed Music and Culture Major be corrected and adopted with the typographical change (MUS 199 should be MUS 199H). The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

E. Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Chair H. L. Henry presented and moved adoption of the proposed B. S. Degree in Applied Mathematics, Economics Option. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

F. Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Chair H. L. Henry presented and requested that the proposed changes in the B. S. Degree in Biological Sciences be corrected and adopted with the typographical change (proposed item 3. d. 2. 182 should be 162). The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

G. Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction member L. Wright presented and requested that the proposed change in bylaw 8.2.1 (Committee on Planning and Budget Annual Report) be adopted. 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

Marlene Odel
Recording Secretary