MINUTES, ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, May 23, 2002, at 2:10 p.m. in the Science Library Conference Room 240. Vice Chair Robert L. Heath presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of the February 21, 2002, meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Acting Chancellor David H. Warren spoke about the departure of R. L. Orbach as Chancellor of UC Riverside for the past ten years and the announcement of our new Chancellor France Cordova whom he said is a fantastic appointment. This past year has had some terrific accomplishments. Professor Velez-Ibanez won the Bronaslaw Malikowski award from the Society of Anthropology which is a most prestigious award. Professor R. Rosenthal won the Distinguished Scientific Contributions award from the American Psychological Association. The First Book Prize went to Professor K. Algor for her book. The Commonwealth Club Gold Metal for Fiction was awarded to Professor S. Straight for her book. Professor J. Turner was awarded the Pacific Sociological Associations Distinguished teaching Award. Professor S-W. Ding’s article was featured on the cover of Science. These were tremendous accomplishments.

Acting Chancellor Warren reminded the faculty that continuing growth and new challenges are ongoing issues. UC eligible students represent a special part of UCR’s mission. It brings significant responsibilities to these students by the faculty. This year a First Year Experience Task Force was created. The task force is chaired by Associate Chancellor M. Yates and will provide valuable assets to new students.

Dr. Warren spoke briefly of the Governor's budget and expressed great concerns regarding the pending cuts the university will have to sustain. The Governor has publicly indicated that he intends to support the University of California and will be as kind as he is able but the cuts are still serious. All of the cuts taken are in targeted areas and are not across the board which is fairly good news. More good news is that the funding of enrollment growth is intact. In the May revision, 77,000 students will be funded which is an increase of 600 students. This will be our source of budgetary flexibility. Research funding will be drastically cut and will hit the university hard. Though it is slated as a one time cut, it is not certain that it will ever be fully restored.

Dr. Warren announced that when the new Chancellor arrives, he will move back to the position of Executive Vice Chancellor for an unspecified amount of time. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Acting Chancellor and looks forward to welcoming and working with Chancellor Cordova.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Secretary-Parliamentarian L. Wright gave a report of the election. He announced that one nomination was received for Vice Chair of the Division. Vice Chair Heath called for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he entertained a motion for the Secretary-Parliamentarian to cast a single vote for the nominee, Professor R. L. Heath. It was so moved, and he was unanimously approved for the position of Vice Chair of the Division.

Professor Wright announced that there were no nominations for the Junior Representative to the Assembly. Vice Chair Heath called for nominations from the floor. None were received. He announced that a second Call would be sent out.

Vice Chair Heath announced that the Senate can only continue when people are willing to serve in the various positions. Without participation, the Senate cannot continue to have the force and interaction with the Administration that is needed and deserved. He asked that everyone consider the impact of non-participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Vice Chair Heath announced that he attended the meeting of the Academic Council. He met with the President and heard his take on the budget. It is his considered opinion that the President is truly earning his money. There are immense political battles due to the crisis of the budget.

Professor Adams was called upon to make some remarks regarding the reorganization issue of the Graduate Division and the report of the Chancellor's Working Group on Graduate Education at UCR. He requested that a motion be made and placed on file to accept this report. The full report and all appendices are posted on the Academic Senate's website. A motion was made to receive and place the Chancellor's report on file. Discussions followed and clarifications were made as requested. A vote on the motion was taken and the vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

II. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Professor T. H. Morton asked that the Annual Report of the Graduate Council be removed and placed in its regular order on the agenda. It was so removed. The rest of the reports were accepted and placed on file.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: There was no report as the Meeting of the Assembly was cancelled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Professor Cullenberg, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, introduced and congratulated Professor M. R. DiMatteo, Department of Psychology and Professor M. V. Yates, Department of Environmental Sciences as nominees of the Distinguished
Teaching Award. Both nominations were accepted unanimously and the recipients were introduced and applauded by the Division members.

B. Professor S. N. Stewart, Chair of the Faculty Research Lecturer Committee announced the nominee for the Award, Professor H. W. Green, Department of Earth Sciences. The nomination was accepted unanimously. Professor Green was not present.

C. Professor Adams discussed the report of the Graduate Council. He interpreted the Academic Senate bylaws to read that no change shall be made to the organizational structure of the Graduate Division without participation and approval of the Graduate Council. A motion was made to accept this interpretation of the bylaws. Professor Heath read bylaw 8.14.2. which is the charge to the Graduate Council. Discussions followed. Professor Adams stated that faculty should be involved with the structure of the Graduate Division. Professor Morton said that this discussion was not about an alteration of a bylaw, rather an acceptance of the bylaw as it relates to the Chancellor's Working Group report. Professor Cullenberg made a motion to amend the motion to state that the Graduate Council report should read that no change shall be made to the organizational structure of the Graduate Division without participation and approval of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate rather than the Graduate Council. Professor Adams made a "friendly amendment" to remove Graduate Council and replace it with Academic Senate. The second part of the motion was to strike "approval". Both amendments were seconded and approved and passed unanimously. It was suggested that Riverside Division of the Academic Senate be added as an editorial change.

Professor Adams made a motion to accept and place on file the annual report of the Graduate Council as it is written. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Marlene Odel, Recording Secretary