MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, November 21, 2002, at 2:10 p.m. in the Science Library Conference Room 240. Chair Irwin W. Sherman presided.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual and Regular meeting of the May 23, 2002, meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: As the new UCR Chancellor, France Córdova attended her first Division meeting and addressed the faculty. She began by recognizing the latest achievements of 13 faculty members who were elected to Fellow status in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It was noted that this is the largest number of faculty elected from a campus or university in the country. Other faculty who also achieved distinction recently were acknowledged and commended.

Chancellor Córdova announced a newly funded collaborative project between UCR and the public school community. A grant was received from the National Science Foundation in partnership with the Jurupa Unified School District; it will focus on improving teaching subject knowledge and student achievement in mathematics and other disciplines.

Budget cuts were discussed along with potential problems that could result. The Regents approved an expenditure budget plan for 2003-04 with the highest priorities identified as maintaining access and quality for planned enrollment levels and to provide funding for faculty and staff salary increases.

Chancellor Córdova listed the four major objectives she has for the coming years at UCR. They are: 1) to increase UCR's excellence, 2) to increase UCR's reputation, 3) to increase UCR's diversity (among the faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduate students), and 4) to improve the undergraduate and graduate student experience on campus.

The Chancellor's Planning Retreat was held last month and a Charter Action Plan for UCR was formulated. The four areas addressed in the retreat were: 1) the research enterprise at UCR, 2) a world-class faculty at UCR, 3) graduate programs and enrollment at UCR, and 4) the undergraduate experience at UCR. Chancellor Córdova spoke of approximately 40 action plans that were developed; each having various time lines. Some of the actions are: developing a website listing information to assist in spousal accommodation in the recruitment of new faculty, encouraging recognition for researchers and groups that make significant achievements, developing a framework for hiring senior faculty in areas targeted for programmatic development, establishing a campus policy on matching funds for applications for purchase of major research equipment, establishing a mentor program for new faculty, and developing recruitment plans and benchmarks for improvement in every graduate program on campus. The action plan also includes commitments to rigorously pursue current programs, such as department-based searches for faculty of the highest quality at all ranks, continuing to identify areas of UCR's programmatic development that lie outside specific department interest, and continuing the commitment to a vibrant student experience. The Chancellor expects to have the entire Charter Action Plan on the UCR website within a few weeks.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS: Executive Vice Chancellor D. H. Warren introduced the new UCR Librarian, Ruth Jackson. Members of the Division welcomed her with a warm round of applause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OF OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Secretary-Parliamentarian L. Wright gave the election report. He announced that a single nomination has been received for the Junior Representative to the Assembly Professor L. J. Tomko (Department of Dance). Chairman Sherman called for additional nominations from the floor. None were received and so he instructed the Secretary-Parliamentarian to cast a single ballot for the nominee. Doing so, Professor Tomko was elected as the Junior Representative to the Assembly for a two year term, thus concluding the election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Professor Sherman announced that President Atkinson had made public his intention to retire in October 2003.

Chair Sherman spoke briefly about pending budget cuts. He said that cuts would be substantial but nothing was yet determined as to where or how the university would be affected. It is highly improbable that there will be another VERIP as in the past.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

A. Consent Calendar: The Consent Calendar was approved and placed on file with the exception that the In Memoriam for Professor N. T. Keen be pulled and placed in it’s regular order on the agenda.

B. Reports of Standing Committees: The Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel was pulled and placed in its regular order on the agenda. The remaining reports were approved and placed on file.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

Executive Committee, College of Engineering representative I. Dumer presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to college regulations ENR 2.1; 2.2; 2.3. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Chair J. C. Briggs, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to campus regulations R1.1.3; R1.1.4, and R1.1.5. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Chair J. C. Briggs, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to college regulations HSR2.3.7. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.
Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Chair R. J. Beaver presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to college regulations NR2.3; NR2.3.1; NR2.3.3; and NR2.3.6. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction representative L. Wright presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in bylaw 8.3.1; 8.3.2; 8.3.3; and 8.3.4 (Committee on Academic Freedom). The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction representative L. Wright presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in bylaw 8.14.1 Graduate Council). The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction representative L. Wright presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in bylaw 8.7.1 (Committee on Charges). The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Chair R. J. Beaver presented and moved adoption of the proposal for an Undergraduate Degree Program in Environmental Sciences between the University of California, Riverside and California State University, Fresno. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Professor D. A. Cooksey, member of the In Memoriam committee for Professor N. T. Keen announced that Professor B. C. Hyman was also a member of the committee and significantly contributed to the composition. His name had been inadvertently left off the document. Apologies were extended and Professor Cooksey moved for the adoption of the In Memoriam with the addition of Professor Hyman’s name. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Professor J. E. O’Connor, Chair of the Committee on Academic Personnel, 2001-2003, noted changes in the annual report of the CAP and asked for the adoption of the substituted Annual Report with the corrections. The Committee on Academic Personnel recommended that the Shadow CAP Committee be appointed by the Committee on Committees rather than by the Executive Vice Chancellor. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

Marlene Odel
Recording Secretary