MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, February 20, 2003, at 2:10 p.m. in the Science Library Conference Room 240. Chair Irwin W. Sherman presided.

Before the official beginning of the meeting, the Chancellor asked to yield a few minutes to the president of ASUCR to speak to the Senate members. Chair Sherman asked the body for their consent as prescribed in the bylaws stating that unanimous approval by the members present must be given for student petitions. There were no objections and so Nadine Sayegh was given permission to address the members.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular meeting of the November 21, 2002, meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor Córdova gave the floor to Nadine Sayegh. She spoke about the fact that the Subject A was a big charge and wanted to let the faculty know that they are working on it and the students are grateful for all the work the faculty has done in consideration of this most important issue.

The Chancellor spoke about the Council of Chancellors and a mini retreat, which was focused on enrollment growth and how the campuses are facing not only the projected growth of years ago but also additional students that are coming to higher education. The outreach efforts have resulted in even more enrollments. The challenge is to maintain quality and access during this growth of enrollment. The state legislature is most interested in access while UC is more interested in quality. She noted that the graduate enrollment growth is lagging the undergraduate enrollment. It becomes a problem because as a UC campus we should be having larger graduate programs. Opportunities that come with enrollment growth are that we have more faculty at all levels; we have diversification of curriculum; new interdisciplinary centers; and opportunities for research funds are accelerating.

Challenges that are being faced include decreasing graduate student proportion; big impact on the infrastructure, which has not grown and has resulted in fewer staff and fewer administrators to help the growing departments. Cost of faculty recruitment is not paid for by the allotment given for each new student and results in fewer faculty. Also, there is a lag in capital construction because it takes a long time in planning and building. There are significant numbers of part time students who are taking less than 15 units, which keeps the funding low. As a growing campus, we don’t offer enough professional schools for our size and yet they are absolutely needed. The Chancellor stated that it is not just growth that gives us challenges. We have land and capacity and a major plus is that UC Riverside can offer affordable housing and as a community, we have the wherewithal to grow.

Other options to deal with the challenges include a new campus, but not right now. Satellite campus or education centers could host students if well planned. Our Palm Desert campus has gone through the city council planning. One building is paid for by a private donor and the other building is state funded. These have been approved by the community and we are waiting for Regent approval. Temecula area is another potential for an educational center and the Coachella Valley is exciting because it could be a pilot project for fulfilling the Master Plan.
Chancellor Córdova concluded that she feels we can accommodate the challenges of growth and overcome the disadvantages if we approach all these challenges very thoughtfully.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS:** Executive Vice Chancellor Warren announced that there is a lot of activity going on with the budget and planning. He asked the campus to check the UCR homepage as everything is posted and updated continually and to keep checking back to keep informed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OF OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN:** Professor Sherman announced that the Academic Senate web pages have been updated and are now current. We have hired a Computer Science student who is working diligently to enhance the visual aspects and to make the site more user-friendly and informative and functional.

The Call for Faculty Research grants will go out shortly and can now be filled out on line.

The proposal for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Institute of Genomics does not need a vote of the Senate and should be removed from Item 10 and placed on the consent calendar.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

A. **Consent Calendar:** The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.

B. **Reports of Standing Committees:** Reports of the Standing Committees were approved and placed on file.

**REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY:** No report as the October meeting was cancelled.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:**

Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction representative L. Wright presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in bylaw 8.22.2 (Committee on Scholarships and Honors). The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Graduate Council Chair C. Sassaman, presented and moved adoption of the proposal for an MFA degree in Visual Arts. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2.45 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

Marlene Odel
Recording Secretary