The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, May 22, 2003, at 2:10 p.m. in the Commons Terrace Rooms B—D. Chair Irwin W. Sherman presided.

The minutes of the February 20, 2003, meeting were approved as distributed.

Chancellor Córdova began her address to the Academic Senate by recognizing the recent accomplishments of several of our outstanding faculty.

She then summarized the status of new and interim positions in administration. A new Office of Undergraduate Education was established. Professor Robert Heath was appointed as Interim Director. Distinguished Professor William A. Jury was appointed as Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost while a national search for a new Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost is under way. Robert Nava continues as Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement as a search to fill that position continues. Professor Peter Chung is serving as Interim Dean of the Anderson Graduate School of Management during the search to fill that position.

A special task force was formed with Professor Gary Zank as chair, to review the administrative structures of the Office of Research Affairs and the Graduate Division to help decide whether these offices should be administratively separate and have a separate Vice Chancellor and Dean, respectively, or be combined in some way. The two offices will be kept separate until a Vice Chancellor for Research and a Dean of the Graduate Division are found.

Professor Craig Byus has been appointed Interim Dean of Biomedical Sciences as Michael Stemerman has stepped down. Also, the Chancellor announced that Dean of the Graduate School of Education, Robert Calfee, and Interim Dean of the Graduate Division Neal Schiller are also stepping down from their positions at the end of the academic year.

Chancellor Córdova addressed the budget challenges and the significant effects at the University of California. The campus at UC Riverside has taken a very proactive approach to the budget cuts. The Deans and Vice Chancellors were asked to prepare budget scenarios for three different possible levels of cuts. A special Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) was established with extensive Senate participation to review the plans of the deans and vice chancellors.

According to the Chancellor, the level of federal funding of contracts and grants has increased again this year. If this continues, there will be an increase of 21% over last year, and an increase of 77% over the last four years. This will be an important element of surviving the current crisis in the State budget. It does look as if there will be a fee increase of at least $1,200 for students next year.

Another new initiative with significant implications for our community is the Center for Sustainable Suburban Development (CSSD). The growth surrounding UCR poses many challenges; the CSSD will respond to these challenges with collaborations among faculty and researchers from all disciplines. The vision of the CSSD is to serve as a vehicle for cutting-edge exploration while responding to the need of local leaders for policy-relevant analysis.
In conclusion, Chancellor Córdova said that although we face significant challenges in the next few years, great progress has been made this past year. She hopes to take advantage of the opportunities that develop and minimize the adverse impact of the difficult times we face.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: The Secretary-Parliamentarian L. Wright announced the results of the recent elections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN: Chair Sherman reported on the Academic Council Meeting of May 21, 2003. The May revise by the Governor suggests an $80 M cut for UC. The Senate voted to achieve this by reducing the dollars for enrollment and to delay opening of UC Merced by one year. The Assembly is moving more slowly but wants to increase outreach dollars and not to cut enrollment and not delay opening UCM.

There is a political price for reducing enrollments. They are contemplating a fee increase but the form of such is still under discussion. The Governor is demanding a budget on time, and once the budget is passed, there will be a special meeting of the Regents.

The intent is to fund faculty merits and provide relief for health benefits for staff.

Currently, they are working on a revised statement of Academic Freedom.

Reviews are under way of various modes to satisfy Subject A by BOARS and to change the name to the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement.

Dr. Sherman stated that his concern is that only a subset of faculty participate in shared governance by serving on the many Senate committees; most faculty neither attend Division meetings nor concern themselves with Senate matters until such time as it affects them personally. Faculty participation rate if very low and there doesn’t seem to be an immediate mechanism for improving this. Perhaps by bringing it to the attention of the faculty at each Division meeting and a barrage of emails, we may change the culture of “non-involvement.”

We are in the early stages of developing an interactive website and electronic voting is already in place. Dr. Sherman encouraged all of the faculty to vote and participate. He said that some faculty consider the Senate to be important and therefore participate; others have so much confidence in the Senate because their needs and concerns are being effectively met that they do not need to participate. Although the Senate is advisory to the administration, it can and does exert the power of persuasion.

In conclusion, Chair Sherman expressed his hope that the faculty will feel that the rewards are not too few for their commitment of time and effort. Shared governance will only be an effective tool for shaping UCR if we all play a role. Participation will make the Senate an effective arm of the faculty; please join in.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

II. **Reports of Standing Committees:** The reports of the Standing Committees were approved and placed on file.
REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: No report as the October meeting of the Assembly was cancelled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Professor S. V. Salinger, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, announced and congratulated Professor L. T. Haimo, Department of Biology and Professor R. L. Ransom, Department of History as nominees of the Distinguished Teaching Award. Both nominations were accepted unanimously and the recipients were applauded by the Division members.

B. Professor L. Wright, Member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Chapter 3. Honors. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

C. Professor L. Wright, Member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Graduate School of Education bylaw E2.1. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

D. Professor L. Wright, Member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Campus Regulation R6.5.2. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

E. Professor L. Wright, Member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Regulation HSR2.3.7.2. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

F. Professor J. C. Briggs, Chair of the Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences presented and moved adoption of the proposal for the disestablishment of the Department of Physical Education. 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