REPORT BY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY
TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

May 24, 2005

The Spring 2005 Assembly Meeting of the Academic Senate was held on May 11, 2005 on the Clark Kerr Campus at UC Berkeley.

Present: Manuela Martins-Green, Emory Elliott (Junior Assembly Representative), and Mary Gauvain (Senior Assembly Representative)

President Dynes was testifying before the legislature in Sacramento and Provost Greenwood was in Washington, DC; therefore, they did not join the meeting. The President’s written comments were entered into the report of the meeting available on the Academic Assembly web site.

A. The following action items were discussed and voted on.
   1. **Report on the Senate Task Force on UC Merced.** Action proposed to approve the establishment of UC Merced as a division of the Academic Senate. By-Laws were submitted. The vote was unanimous to approve UCM as a new division.
   2. **Election of Vice-Chair of Committee on Committees** (to serve as Chair the following year). Ruth Greenblatt of UCSF was nominated (she is Professor of Clinical Medicine and Epidemiology). She was elected unanimously.
   3. **Proposed amendment to Senate By-Law 128,** which requires that any member of a subcommittee of the assembly must be a member of the assembly or the university systemwide committee on committees must make the appointment. The purpose is to control membership of subcommittees that may consult informally with the administration on faculty issues derived from business of the Academic Senate. Vote- approved by 2/3 majority.
   4. **Regulations pertaining to transfer students.** Effort to streamline transfer into UC from community colleges. Motion (paraphrase): When 4 or more campuses agree to accept a course for transfer, the course will be deemed transferable for the same major at all UC campuses. Vote- 2/3 majority to adopt. A second regulation allows science majors to defer 2 general education classes to after they transfer to UC to be able to complete their lower division preparation science courses (SciGETC). Vote- passed unanimously.
   5. **Senate Regulation 600B change.** Motion: advanced degrees may be given to UC colleagues on their home campus so long as there is no conflict of interest in pursuing the degree. Vote – passed with a majority.
   6. **Restrictions on Research Funding Sources.** Pertains to restrictions on external funding that faculty are allowed to accept. Motion not to restrict rights of faculty to accept funding from any source. Vote – passed with majority.

B. Announcements by Chair Blumenthal
1. **Task Force on Academic Communications.** Academic Council adopted a ruling that all grantees from Proposition 71 (Stem Cell Initiative) should make their papers available within 6 months on the World Wide Web.

2. **University-wide IT Major.** Academic Council adopted in principle to approve a university wide major on IT (Instructional Technology) that will be put forward as model for a campus to adopt if so desired.

3. **Code of Ethics.** Regents would like the university to adopt a university wide code of ethics aligned with national standards for corporations, which pertain to penal code issues regarding violations by corporations. This regulation would not supercede the current code of conduct for faculty.

4. **Chancellors** – UCI chancellor search underway, UCD chancellor under review.

5. **MRU CAL Space Institute.** Three years ago the Academic Council recommended disbanding this MRU, which was unsuccessful. New efforts to disband it occurred this year with the goal of establishing a new MRU on space related topics in its place.

6. **California Institute for Science and Innovation.** Set up on 4 campuses, not clear what role of Senate is in review of program or budget. No clear mechanism in place to conduct such reviews as these have not been set up as regular MRUs. A proposed process is being developed and will be circulated to the campuses when ready.

7. **Annual Reports on Shared Governance at UC.** An annual report on this topic will be put in place and reports from each campus will be presented to the President every year.

8. **Task Force on Faculty, Staff and Senior Management Salaries.** Established by Council, Chaired by John Oakley.

9. **Legislative Issues:**
   a. Scott Bill – pertains to awarding of doctorates at CSU campuses. Needs to go through appropriations committee, there is lots of lobbying on both sides.
   b. Senate Bill 5 – student academic freedom bill failed in committee.
   c. Pension legislation – Governor has pulled back on his efforts to get pension legislation passed this year. There is also new legislation being introduced, which will exempt UC from the Governor’s plan.

C. **Committee Reports**

1. **Lab contracts.**
   - Lawrence Berkeley Lab contract was awarded to UC but a group other than the President’s Council will oversee it.
   - Lawrence Livermore Lab competition has been delayed for 2 years; UC contract will be extended to cover these 2 years.
   - Los Alamos Lab RFP is delayed and has been rewritten; several industrial competitors are expected for this contract. Note: Director of Los Alamos has resigned.

2. **BOARS.** Analysis of new SAT underway. Also, council has acted on several items from BOARS: 1) encourage campuses to select admits from full range of applicability pool, and 2) clarity that personal statement in application is to be used only for supplementary data on the applicant and not as a writing sample.

3. **Faculty Welfare.** Current foci: family friendly hiring practices, especially improving child care on campuses; new standards for faculty leaves of absence and sick leaves; change in software platform for benefits program, in place, it will be examined closely; a Health Care Task Force Committee is looking into health savings
accounts and long term care options especially for catastrophic coverage and health maintenance.

These minutes were recorded and submitted by Mary Gauvain, Senior Assembly Representative of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate on May 23, 2005.