MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at 2:10 p.m. in A265 Bourns. Chair T. Cogswell presided.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular meeting of November 21, 2006 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR:

Chancellor Córdova said that the Centennial Gala which was held on Valentine’s Day was a beautiful celebration and congratulated everyone associated with the Agricultural Experiment Station for the event which celebrated a 100 years of research.

Chancellor Córdova spoke about the NRC questionnaires. There was a 100% response from UCR Faculty on the program questionnaire as compared to 50% nationwide. As of February 15th there was a 67% response rate to the faculty questionnaire as compared to 58% nationwide. The deadline for the faculty questionnaire was extended to February 22nd.

UCR aspires to increase our reputational ranking by gaining recognition as matching the profile of an AAU University which is based on certain objective criteria. One of the criteria is faculty productivity, in particular citations and first authored journal articles. UCR is at the 50th percentile rank for first authored journal articles. For citations to date, UCR is at just below the 50 percentile rank.

Chancellor Córdova identified seven goals for UCR:

1. Enhance UCR’s reputational rankings
2. Invest in areas of strength
3. Expand opportunities for students
4. Reshape the curriculum
5. Diversify our faculty, staff and graduate populations
6. Build professional schools and expand graduate programs
7. Forge closer ties with the community

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST AND BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF ACADEMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET:

VC Bolar explained how the fee structure for graduate students is funded. The fee for a California resident is $8,934, a domestic nonresident is $14,694, and for a foreign nonresident is $23,895. The domestic nonresidents are only nonresidents for one year and only pay this for one year. Foreign students are nonresidents for the entire time they are here. They pay $23,895 until they are advanced to candidacy. Advancement to candidacy is for 9 quarters. Once they go past the nine quarters, they go back to paying full fees again.

EVC & P Wartella stated that some of the concerns of the Academic Senate have to do with the nonresident tuition. There was a memorial to the Regents that the Academic Senate passed last year that asked the University to deal with the issue of graduate student funding, specifically the issue of nonresident tuition. There will be a subsequent meeting with the systemwide Academic Senate to talk about these issues.

VC Bolar explained how the nonresident tuition is reshaped at the Office of the President. Historically nonresident tuition had been considered a UC fund. A UC fund goes to make up the core budget of the University of California. Every year when the Office of the President develops the budget for the coming year, they calculate what they think the increase in nonresident revenue will be and that becomes one of the sources that they use to fund merit increases, range adjustments, cost of living, utilities, all the core budget items. When we collect
nonresident tuition, it goes up to the Office of the President, and we get it back as general funds as part of the block allocations to the departments for salaries, benefits, telephones, etc. Two years ago our nonresident student numbers dropped which meant they weren’t taking in as much revenue as they needed to fund the existing budget levels. A lot of that had to do with the fees going up. This year currently, the core university budget is $20 million short of the nonresident tuition it needs. The President filled in with cash hoping that the student numbers will increase to fill in that gap. Once that gap is filled in, any additional student paying non-resident tuition above that would be net new revenue.

Sources of Revenue for the Campus: In 2001-2002, 52% of expenditures were financed from general funds, 12% from the federal government, and 5% from state and local governments for contract and grants. In 2005-2006, 44% of revenues came from general funds, 18% from the federal government and 3% from state and local governments. We are no longer receiving some of the private support we had received before in agriculture.

Chancellor Córdova gave a historical 5 year expenditure comparison for UCR and presented the numbers for 2005-2006 for UC San Diego and UC Santa Barbara. UCR is moving toward UC Santa Barbara and San Diego in pilot campus development. The Deans are coming up with ideas on how to bring in new revenue in their colleges. Among the ideas that have been presented were (1) offering Master’s degree programs that are not state funded, (2) starting programs that would offer executive level training, judicial training and (3) offering new kinds of corporate partnership and corporate support for programs and start up costs.

The entire presentation can be found @ http://senate.ucr.edu/agenda/070220/Academic_Senate_2-20-07_Draft_3.ppt

EVC & P Wartella discussed the OR budget. There is a formal functional identification of organized research in the University of California budget, in which agriculture is the big player. The money is dedicated by the Legislature. A lot of people in the Legislature feel that organized research should be funded by either grant funds, gifts, or partnership with industry. They don’t feel that this is something the State should be making direct allocations to, but agriculture has a large historical state funded organized research budget. We are underinvested in the state in agriculture compared to some other states. The Chancellor has been aggressive in her dialogue with the Office of the President because we want them to reinvest in agriculture on this campus.

Starting in the fall we need to have a strategic plan developed for investment in new FTE. We are playing catch up to the huge growth we have had in the last 10 years. As we grow in the next 10 years, we won’t be so far behind but will have an infrastructure in place.

Chancellor Córdova commented on new state initiatives. UCR has been successful in getting some of the bond money from the stem cell initiative. Another bond that was passed by the voters is for $200 million for medical health related issues. UCR will get a few million dollars from that.

EVC & P Wartella thanked the Ffaffulty for the variety of campus joint task forces that they had this year. The Pre-Retirement Agreement for Post-Retirement Recall for Teaching has been completed and the policy has been established in line with the APM and is up on the Academic Personnel website. Three joint task forces are currently in progress dealing with the writing program, salary issues, a retired faculty and senior staff survey, and a new campus visa policy for academic appointment. The Administration and the Senate are developing two new joint task forces, one coming out of the Senate report on summer sessions and the other one on department chairs. EVC & P Wartella thanked everyone for their service.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY PARLIAMENTARIAN: Professor R.L. Russell announced the results of recent elections. Professor E. Tuncel was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and Professor A. Mulchandani was elected to serve as the College of Engineering representative on the Committee on Committees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Chair T. Cogswell reported that with the support of the EVC, the Committee on Research received a fairly major augmentation in budget. It will rise from $370,000 to $600,000, a 63% increase. In addition, the Office of the President annually allots $60,000 for Regent Scholarships for assistant professors. The responsibility for this program and awarding it will now shift to the Committee on Research as well. Chair Cogswell informed the Faculty of a new ad hoc committee and a new responsibility of the
Graduate Council. In order to work with the administration in launching a new medical school, and in particular in developing the curriculum, we have formed a new Health Affairs Committee. Professor Neil Schiller will chair the committee assisted by Professors Anvari, Byus, Carson, Defea, Lytle, Norman, Shyy, Siegel, and Trafzer. In addition, another ad hoc committee on graduate education has been studying various aspects of what goes on with our graduate students. Particular attention has been given to the workload of teaching assistants and graduate education research funding. Chair Cogswell thanked Professor J. Childers for chairing the committee, and Professors Matsumoto, Hammond, Head, Hoffman, Schiller and Sandholtz for serving on the committee. The graduate committee has agreed to accept EVC & P Wartella’s suggestion that they should consider ways to increase graduate enrollment and proposed a new funding model for the graduate program.

The Administration has just instituted a tenure academy designed to introduce the newly promoted associate professors to all aspects of the University and the Senate. Chair Cogswell introduced the 4 new members: Professors Sheldon Tan from Electrical Engineering, Kurt Schwabe from Environmental Sciences, Veronica Benet-Martinez from Psychology, and Frank Sauer from Biochemistry. Congratulations were extended to the newly promoted professors.

Chair Cogswell reminded Senate members of the upcoming women’s basketball game on Saturday, March 3rd and urged them to attend.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Name Change for the Department of Plant Pathology found on page 18 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

B. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal to Move CAP found on page 29 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

C. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, presented and moved approval of UCR Policy, Guidelines and Procedures for Naming Campus Properties, Academic and Non-Academic Programs and Facilities found on page 34 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

D. Professor E. Nothnagel, Chair of Committee on Educational Policy, presented and moved adoption of the Policy on the Posthumous Award of Degrees and Certificates of Attendance found on page 57 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

E. Professor A. Deolalikar, Interim Dean, College of A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Changes to the B.S. in Business Administration found on page 59 of the full agenda.

Professor R. Sutch from Economics pointed out that this plan was negotiated between two interim deans, neither of which are serving now, and has yet to be fully articulated. Changes in the requirements for the Pre-Business program are still in the works. He questioned if this was an appropriate time to approve these changes.

Chair T. Cogswell responded to Professor Sutch’s question. Last year a proposal was passed by the Division and put forward to systemwide that would have formally moved the business major from CHASS to AGSM. There were questions posed at systemwide and it stopped there. However, tangled up in the formal moving proposal, there were a series of housekeeping measures that needed to be taken care of for the degree. The intent here is not just to go back right now until we, in fact, have permanent deans in place to talk about shifting the program, but to do the housekeeping business.

Professor Sutch stated that there is more than just a housekeeping issue here. There is a new course which has been created, Economics 4. The original discussion between AGSM and the Department of Economics was about what this course should involve, how it should be taught, who should teach it, and where the resources to teach it should come from, and these issues remain unresolved. Professor C. Weber, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, addressed this concern. In the original discussion of the
development of the changes in the prerequisites for the major, there were faculty committees in both Economics and AGSM that met jointly that designed the Economics 4 course. It was adopted by the departments, Faculty committees and the full Senate. The motion was seconded and adopted with one vote against.

F. Professor A. Norman, Vice Chair, Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Biological Sciences Undergraduate Honors Program found on page 66 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

G. Professor R. L. Russell, member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change to Regulation 6. IV. Academic Integrity Committees found on page 69 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

H. Professor R. L. Russell, member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Regulation NR3.5 Life Sciences Core Curriculum found on page 71 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

I. Professor R. L. Russell, member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change in the College of Engineering Bylaw EN 4.1 found on page 74 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

J. Professor R.L. Russell, member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Changes in Senate Bylaw Appendix 5.3 Rules of Procedure for Implementation of Policies on Faculty Conduct and the Administration of Discipline at UCR found on page 76 of the full agenda.

Professor K. Montgomery presented some background information regarding this bylaw change. An ad hoc committee was established last spring at Professor Manuela M.-Green’s request following a request from VP Lord’s Office that we revisit looking at how to bring our Faculty Code of Conduct into consistency with changes taking place in the APM since it was last amended. The committee consisted of K. Montgomery, Chair, W. Farmer, H. Green, S. Ghosh, H. Henry, M. Kearney, R. Lubin, C. Louie, M. Molle, A. Reath, A. Walker. In 1999-2000 there was a similar committee that worked to make changes. Since then there have been substantially more changes made to the APM and some administrative requirements that the campus has to deal with, particularly how administratively the campus is going to handle allegations of scientific misconduct. These are scheduled requirements that the campus had to put in place and we wanted to follow what the other campuses had done. Rather than making incremental changes, the committee decided to re-write the whole thing to streamline and make clearer the procedures.

Professor H. Green asked the question, “When a decision has been made by the Chancellor and there is some sort of disciplinary action taken, will the complainants be informed? What will the complainants be informed of? Will he or she be informed that there has been a decision, and whether the decision is positive or negative, or will it also include what in fact is going to transpire?”

Michele Coyle, UCR Counsel, stated that the complainant will not be given the details, but will be informed that appropriate action has been taken. As indicated in 5.3.7, the parties, including the complainant, are provided the Committee’s findings of fact, conclusions supported by reasons based on the evidence, and recommendation (i.e., a report of the findings, conclusions and recommendations). While this “report” remains confidential, in certain circumstances, it may be released to others as further described in SBL 336.D.10.

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

R. L. Russell, Secretary-Parliamentarian
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