The Academic Senate met by teleconference on February 14, 2007 with Senate Chair John Oakley presiding.

In place of President Dynes, the report from the Office of the President was provided by Provost Wyatt R. (Rory) Hume:

a. Governor’s Budget:
   The governor’s proposed budget includes operating funds for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation (Cal-ISI), matching funds for the Helios project at the Lawrence Berkely National Laboratory and matching funds fo UC’s attempt to win a national competition for the Petascale computer.
   Also included in the proposed budget: funds for a major research initiative focused on research development and delivery. Enrollment growth, investments in infrastructure, faculty and staff salaries.
   NOT INCLUDED: Labor institutes and academic preparation. The governor has also not yet proposed funding for the restart of contributions to the U.C. retirement program (UCRP), a major issue for the Regents and the State.

b. UCOP reorganization: Several new hires have been made in an effort to ensure that UCOP management practices are accountable and transparent: Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer; Executive Vice President—Business Operations; Chief Compliance and Audit Officer; Chief of Staff—Secretary of the Regents.

c. New Chancellors have been appointed at UCLA (Gene Block) and UCM (Steve Kang).

d. Provost Hume is continuing to work with the EVCs systemwide (and in consultation with the Senate) to coordinate academic planning for all the campuses.

During Q & A one important issue arose involving NRT (non resident tuition) and UCOP’s failure to respond to past recommendations by the Senate and task forces as to the most appropriate means for handling this money on all campuses.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair of the Assembly for 2007-08, Mary Croughan (UCSF), by unanimous consent.

2. The establishment of Senate Bylaw 110.A.4, which outlines procedures for Suspension and Removal of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Academic Assembly should need or cause arise.
3. Discussion of requested action regarding RE-89’s Proposed Restriction of Research Funding from the Tobacco Industry: The decision was made to distribute the Regental Proposal to all Senate divisions for systemwide review, with responses due to Academic Council by April 13. The Council will assume the task of responding to Regent Moore’s letter (accompanying the proposal).