MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 2:10 p.m. 1500 Humanities. Chair T. Cogswell presided.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular meeting of February 20, 2007 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR:

Chancellor Córdova said farewell and thanked the Faculty for five wondrous years at UCR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR:

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Wartella was not able to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Professor R.L. Russell announced that the election report was found on page 6 of the full agenda.

For the office of Vice Chair of the Division, a single nomination was received for Professor W. Beyermann. The Secretary Parliamentarian was instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

For the office of Representative to the Assembly, Professor M. Molle was elected to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2007.

Professor F. Vahid was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the Bourns College of Engineering.

Professor J. Silva-Risso was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Professor P. Green was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Education and Professors J. Levin and M. Vanderwood were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Professors B. Arnold and R. Debus were elected to serve on the Committee on Committees from the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Professor M. Sperling was elected to serve on the Committee on Committees as representative of the Graduate School of Education and the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:

Chair T. Cogswell reported on what has been happening in the Senate. The Senate web site has been revived. Chair Cogswell thanked Shanshan Liao for her hard work.

The exhibition in the new Senate gallery is up and running. Chair Cogswell thanked Jonathan Green for his technical help and willingness to make the Senate an outpost of the Museum of Photography.

This year brought the Senate together whenever possible. The Chili Cook-Off was a tremendous success and won’t be our last.

CAP was finally brought back to the Senate and UCR will be like all the other UC campuses with CAP being housed in the Senate. Professor Cogswell thanked Vice Provost Lord for her help in arranging this transfer. Cindy Palmer will be a formal Senate employee coming next Fall.

The Committee on Research’s budget, with help from the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor, has grown from $360,000 to $660,000. The Regent’s Fellowships, which are so vital to the assistant professors, will now be at a steady $5,000. Ten of the tenured faculty will receive start up grants for new projects totally $10,000 each
and amounts for summer grants will be more generous.

The Senate handled a question about RE-89 and possible restrictions on tobacco funding. This was done in an open and equitable manner with 658 Senate members making the decision. The Senate asked for the opinion of the Committee on Research, Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom and then allowed every faculty member to vote their consciences on this matter. There were 124 UCR Senate members that exercised their right. If you count the committees involved and the total faculty vote, 25% weighed in on RE-89.

Thanks to Professor N. Schiller and the Health Affairs Committee curricular plans for the new medical school should up be and running by the end of summer and ready for the Division early next year as well as the plans for the School of Public Policy.

Chair T. Cogswell thanked Chancellor Córdova for all her efforts at UC Riverside.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

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

**REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY:** Professor J. Childers reported on the meetings of the Assembly held on February 14, 2007 and May 9, 2007. The report in its entirety can be found on pages 116 and 118 of the full agenda.

At the meeting of February 14, 2007, the Assembly nominated and elected by unanimous consent Mary Croughan (UCSF) as Vice Chair of the Assembly for 2007-2008.

The other important issue to UCR was the requested action regarding RE-89’s Proposed Restriction of Research Funding from the Tobacco Industry. Almost the entire February 14th meeting was taken up with discussion of this topic.

Highlights of the May 9, 2007 meeting in Oakland:

(1) The Department of Energy announced that the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory will be partnered with UCs.

(2) President Dynes spoke of a planned organizational review of the University. It’s an opportunity to rethink our structure and lines of reporting/responsibility. President Dyne’s primary goal in this arena is to produce greater clarity on Presidential, Regental, and campus authority. The second goal is to create greater operational efficiencies. The plan for implementing this reorganization and evaluation is to use consultants which will be paid for from an endowment which will be paid back from money saved after efficiencies are implemented.

(3) Faculty Salaries – According to President Dynes, a plan is now being finalized that will increase faculty salaries by about 26% over the next three or four years. Goals are to get rid of (or at least greatly reduce the use of) off scale, make salaries competitive, and address salary compression at the associate and early full professor ranks. The goal is to get 80% of the faculty back onto the scale. When questioned as to how this increase would be funded, President Dynes replied (a) through a compact with the Governor, (b) some use of the student fee increases, and (c) a savings of up to $100m/year from increased efficiency of the reorganization plan, which will go to salaries and graduate support.

Two items that are important to our campus are: (1) a resolution passed by the Assembly calling for the rejection of the Senior Leadership Compensation Group Salary Structure that differentiates grades by campus (salary slotting) which the Assembly adopted with only 1 dissenting vote (Berkeley); and (2) the resolution to reject the Regental Proposal 89 passed by an overwhelming majority.
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Professor B. Hyman, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor C. Amrhein, Professor W. Ashmore, and Professor M. Marsella as recipients of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

B. Professor S. Stewart, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor N. Raikhel, Department of Botany & Plant Sciences as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2007-2008. Dr. Raikhel’s distinguished career is summarized and reported on page 145 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Vice Provost E. Lord accepted the award on her behalf.

C. Professor N. Beckage, member of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Distinguished Service, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor R.A. Redak, Department of Entomology and Professor G.W. Scott, Department of Chemistry for this honor. The extensive contributions of these two dedicated campus citizens are summarized in the report of the Committee found on pages 126 and 127 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. Congratulations were extended to Professor Redak and Professor Scott and a round of applause followed showing approval.

D. Professor A. Norman, Chair of the Planning & Budget Committee, presented an award to Vice Chancellor Gretchen Bolar for her dedication, length of service and the extraordinarily high quality of her assistance to the Planning and Budget Committee and the Senate in its responsibilities related to the budget and the finances of the campus. VC Bolar thanked the Faculty for the award. Congratulations were extended to VC Bolar.

E. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change to Riverside Division Bylaw 2.2 (Division Chair), which can be found on page 129 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

F. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change to Riverside Division Bylaw 2.3 and 2.5 (Division Vice Chair), which can be found on page 130 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

G. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change to Riverside Division Bylaw 4 (Rules or Order, Authority in Questions or Order), which can be found on page 132 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

H. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Regulation 7 Expected Progress for Undergraduate Students, which can be found on page 133 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

I. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change to Riverside Division Bylaw 8.1 (Committees of the Division, Appointment and Tenure), which can be found on page 137 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

J. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Division of Biomedical Sciences Bylaws, which can be found on page 139 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

K. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the Proposed Change to CHASS Bylaw 4.1.1.4, which can be found on page 146 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

L. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the
Proposed Change to GSOE Bylaw E4.1.1.2, which can be found on page 147 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

M. Professor P. Keller, Vice Chair, Committee on Educational Policy, presented and moved adoption of the Framework for Establishing Combined Five-year Programs (CP) for Bachelor/Master Studies, which can be found on page 148 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

N. Professor T. Przymusinski, Chair of the College of Engineering Executive Committee, presented and moved adoption of the proposed major in Materials Sciences and Engineering, which can be found on page 152 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

O. Professor R. Lysloff, Chair of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Executive Committee, presented and moved adoption of the revised proposal for a Department of Media & Cultural Studies found on page 166 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

NEW BUSINESS: Professor D. Brinkerhoff, Emeritus Professor of the History of Art and President of UCR Emeriti Association, invited the faculty to join UCREA when they achieve emeritus status. UCREA welcomes all retired members of the campus community. UCREA also belongs to the Council of UC Retiree Association, CUCRA. Professor Brinkerhoff highlighted some of the benefits of belonging to this Association.

Chair Cogswell thanked Professor R. Russell, who is stepping down as Secretary-Parliamentarian after 2 years, for all his help.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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Recording Secretary