MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

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

At the start of the meeting, Chair Cogswell introduced Professor Michael Brown, Professor of Education and currently the Chair of the Academic Council, as our honored guest. Professor Brown began by thanking Chair Cogswell for the invitation to speak to the Division and was happy to be back and to see old friends.

These are challenging and turbulent times, not only for UC but for the state and nation. This is a time to draw together and find strength and encouragement from each other and shared governance relationships. UCR’s challenges are rapid enrollment growth and FTE and capital development have not kept up with that growth. There are opportunities for UCR to send a message to the state leaders that (1) we can have excellence and diversity and (2) UC is not just for some, it is for all. The Academic Division at UCR has seized upon land grant roots and a mission focusing on regional problems, air and water, and has taken the university to the community.

The budget crisis is huge, a $7 billion hole which could balloon to $10-15 billion. The state has a little flexibility in terms of how it funds its various priorities. Investment in UC is an investment in its future. UC has been under funded for a number of years. The student faculty ratio is going up and that is not good for the academic quality of the institution. Issues of access and affordability seem to be most readily sacrificed to maintain academic quality. We have a mission to provide high quality education, high quality research and also have a responsibility to provide it in an affordable and accessible way.

Professor Brown commended Acting Chancellor Grey for the great job he is doing and looks forward to hearing good thoughts about the medical school. The challenge is great but the hopes for economic prosperity are greater.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular and Annual meeting of May 22, 2007 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Acting Chancellor Grey stated that he was pleased to be attending his first meeting of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate. He has been on campus for 5 months and has appreciated the spirit of shared governance which has made his job easier and wants to keep the lines of communication open. He also thanked Michael Brown for taking the time to attend the Senate meeting.

The President search is underway and Professor M. Brown is chairing the committee for the President search. The Chancellor search is underway and the committee was here in October. The School of Medicine Dean search has been suspended until the Chancellor search is completed. The Dean would like to know who the Chancellor is going to be and we want the Chancellor to participate in the selection of the Dean.

In their September meeting, the Regents passed a new policy statement on the value of diversity in the university. This came out of the statement crafted by the Academic Senate and the Academic Council. The full report is available on the Chancellor’s web site. This is a major milestone in setting the direction and pace for the university.
Since late August we have been working to develop the 15-year enrollment plan for the campus. This was a directive from the State Department of Finance, and has to be completed and submitted by December 7th. The Chancellor’s Fall Leadership Conference was devoted to that task. Chair Cogswell and a number of the Chairs of the Senate participated in that. The campus needs to think about the issues of growth, what we want to do and why we want to do it and how we would be of service to the area and what programs we want to offer. The exercise of thinking about how much and at what pace the campus should grow in the general campus, in the health sciences, and in the undergraduate and graduate levels has been very beneficial. We have a plan for moderate growth for the next 15 years, for undergraduates from 13,500 to 17,300 by 2021. For graduate students, we would like to change the ratio and have a greater percentage; currently at 1,900 to 5,200 by 2011. There will be projected major growth in the health sciences. Currently we have an enrollment of 49 in the Biomedical Sciences Program with a projected enrollment of 844 by 2011. There is a place mark for an enrollment of 300 for health sciences related degrees. This would bring the campus headcount from 17,000 up to approximately 25,000.

The state budget cycles and it is coming into a dip. The plan for the medical school is a phased plan and the first class would be admitted in 2012. The plan will not be in the 2008-2009 budget, and will be a compelling case to be made to the state. The 2009-2010 budget will address the medical school. The medical school curriculum has been completed and has been sent to the appropriate committees.

Acting Chancellor Grey introduced Dr. Phyllis Guze, Executive Director of Medical School Planning and Professor of Medicine at UCLA, who presented an overview of the UCR School of Medicine Curriculum. The proposed curriculum can be found on the Academic Senate web site under the Current Topic tab at http://senate.ucr.edu/agenda/071120/UCR%20School%20of%20Medicine%20Proposed%20Curriculum.pdf

Acting Chancellor Grey thanked the members of the Senate for all their work on the medical school. When questions were called for from the floor, several faculty members addressed the appearance of the campus and would like the administrators to give thought to the beautification of the campus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST: There were no announcements by the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-PARLIAMENTARIAN: Professor A.S. Jacobs announced that the election report was found on page 5 of the full agenda.

Professor B. Anvari was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Bourns College of Engineering.

Professor T. Patterson was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences and Professors V. Nunley, J. Walton, F. Schiwy, and L. Chia were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Professors M. McKibben, L. Prayadko, ALN Rao and C. Mao were elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

Professor J. Haleblian was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Professor A. Walker was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the Division of Biomedical Sciences, and Professors M. Carson, C. Lytle, I. Ethell, and D. Johnson were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Chair T. Cogswell began by introducing the staff of the Senate, Sandra Tapicera, Cindy Palmer, Shanshan Liao, Sarah Miller, Sue Stracener, Sherry Gonzalez, Marla Jo Howell and Sellyna Ehlers and thanked them for all their hard work.

In the late 1850s, Charles Baudelaire famously decried the destruction of the old Paris of his youth, but we must acknowledge that even the new Paris has its beauty. So too with UCR. UCR is no longer a small, intimate campus. The new Commons building and the new Alumni and Visitors Center have just opened. There are several new buildings going up, Genomics, Psychology, Student Advising, and CHASS Interdisciplinary, and the new Engineering III building will be breaking ground soon. The new physical landscape reflects our campus extraordinary growth. Thirty years ago in 1977, Ivan Hinderaker presided over a campus with 4,500 students. Twenty years ago under Rosemary Schraer there were 5,400. Ten years ago Ray Orbach brought us up to 9,500 and today under Chancellor Grey, we have over 17,000 students.

The Senate will consider whether to send forward a very detailed plan for a new School of Public Policy. If approved, this will begin a fundamental change to our intellectual landscape. Details of an even greater change will occupy us this year and for several subsequent years. All of the formidable changes within the last 50 years are nothing compared to the changes we are going to see in complexity and expense, especially as we plan to launch the new medical school. It is vitally important that we get this medical school right and these deliberations will occupy much of our time this year. A proposed medical school curriculum has been completed and is now before the various senate committees for review. Early next year the Senate will review the new medical school’s business plan.

Our general education requirements are in need of revival. At the end of the summer an ad hoc committee, chaired by Professor G. Haggerty, developed a new undergraduate “series of concentrations” which spanned both the upper division as well as the lower division courses in an effort to revive the general education requirements. With this new system of concentrations, the Haggerty Committee proposed a limited series of pilot projects to assess both student and faculty interest. This plan is now making its way through various senate committees, and is generating a good deal of discussion and criticism. The general education reform discussion will continue this year.

The Childers Ad Hoc Report on Graduate Funding together with a report from Graduate Council on the same subject, chaired by Professor R. Russell, need to be reconciled. Chair Cogswell hopes to present the work of these two ad hoc committees at the next division meeting. There is also an ad hoc committee helping out with the problems involved with the e-file system chaired by Professor R. Redak.

The major task this coming year is Senate housecleaning; currently the Senate is an unbalanced system. While most Senate committees meet once or twice a year, several others like Committee on Academic Personnel, Committee on Educational Policy and Planning & Budget meet almost weekly, all year long and are getting more difficult to staff. Moreover, a number of senate committees need to talk to one another. The Committee on Educational Policy, Committee on Courses, Undergraduate Council and Preparatory Education periodically have important business together. Yet formally they have very little to do with each one another. One of the goals of the reorganization is to get these committees to liaise with one another more easily. Therefore, an ad hoc committee under the leadership of Vice Chair W. Beyermann will be studying a formal reorganization of the Senate.

The Administration has expressed a willingness to fund another faculty climate survey. The Senate is proposing to have full control over the survey. In addition the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity has been working to launch a survey of faculty who have recently left the university. The Senate is negotiating with the administration to get that survey moving. To handle the technical details, Chair Cogswell has appointed an ad hoc committee chaired by Professor R. Hanneman and assisted by Professors D. Jeske and M. Johnson.
One last matter of considerable importance is selecting a new Chair in the spring. Last year the Advisory Committee considered several possible constitutional variances about how to run the senate regarding the chair’s post. In some of the other divisions, the faculty elect a Vice Chair who automatically succeed as Chair the following year. The Advisory Committee leaned towards a self-denying ordinance, chairs could not sequentially serve two terms as Chair. Chair Cogswell hopes to bring such a measure forward in the next division meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY:
There was no report received, the October 17, 2007 and November 7, 2007 meetings were cancelled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, presented and moved adoption of The Proposal for Establishment of a School of Public Policy found on page 117 of the full agenda. A question was posed from the floor as to whether sufficient money had been set aside for this project. EVC Wartella and Vice Chancellor Bolar responded that 12 FTE had been set aside for it. The motion was unanimously adopted.

B. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, presented and moved adoption of The Proposal to Reform UC’s Freshman Eligibility Policy found on page 253 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

C. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management Bylaw M2 found on page 307 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

D. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in Bourns College of Engineering Bylaw EN2 found on page 308 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in Bourns College of Engineering Bylaw EN4 found on page 310 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in Bourns College of Engineering Bylaw EN4.2 found on page 312 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaw N41.1 and N4.1.1.1 found on page 314 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

H. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Regulation NR2.4.5.1 found on page 316 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.
I. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in Riverside Division Bylaw 8.15.1 (Committee on International Education) found on page 317 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

J. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of Riverside Division Bylaw 8.27 (Committee on Distinguished Campus Service Award) found on page 318 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

K. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to Riverside Division Bylaw 2.6 (Executive Office) found on page 319 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

L. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to Riverside Division Bylaw 3.3,8.25,8.5,8.52,8.53,8.83 (Meetings, Calls and Minutes) found on page 320 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

A.S. Jacobs, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

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