The second meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate for the academic year 2007-2008 was held on February 20, 2008, via teleconference. Chair Michael Brown called the meeting to order. Roll call established that the number of participating members was sufficient for a quorum.

Assembly Chair Michael Brown
Chair Brown announced that purpose of the meeting was to elect the 2008-2009 Vice Chair.

President Robert Dynes
President Dynes’ comments were limited to discussion of the budget as related to enrollment 2008-2009. After wide consultation, Dynes concluded that we had a moral, legal and intellectual responsibility to provide admissions to all UC eligible students for fall 2008-2009 and to meet the expectations of students and parents by not reducing enrollment. He noted that whereas UC has taken responsibility for 2008-2009, it cannot do this in the future and issued a severe warning to the State that UC cannot grow at the projected rate without State funds. He left enrollment restrictions as an option for 2009-2010 and beyond.

Katherine Lapp, Executive Vice President Business Operations - Current State of the UC Budget
1) The State budget shortfall is now predicted to be greater than the $14B first projected. Student fees will need to be increased by 10%, not the 7% originally proposed. UCOP is to be reduced by 10% in overall size in 2008-2009 to save ~$28M. Lapp urged campuses to be more diligent in meeting their enrollment targets to maximize income from fees, noting that there will be no dollars for over enrolled students. When asked, it became clear that the Faculty Salary Plan was on the table for cuts and that the faculty needs to be proactive to keep cuts from happening. The final State budget will not be known until July 1, 2008, or after.

Chair Michael Brown
1) Announced that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) would meet February 21, 2008, to review Dyne's response to WASC’s Review of UC, the letter from Chair Brown and the Advisory Council delineating the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the Board of Regents and the President, and the compiled responses from the Chancellors regarding the WASC Review. President Dynes and Provost Hume will meet with WASC to provide any required clarification and then WASC will announce its final recommendations. The goal is for WASC to help UC get its governance in order.

2) Henry Powell, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.Path., Program Director, Anatomic and Neuropathology Residency Training Program, UC-San Diego, was elected unanimously to serve as Vice Chair of the Assembly for 2008-2009.

3) Senate Regulation (SR) 458, which allows graduates of certain schools and colleges in China and Japan to meet course requirements for UC admission by substituting a satisfactory course in the history of their own country for United States history, as well as satisfactory courses in Asian law, language, and literature for the matriculation requirement in English, was repealed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Lovatt, Senior Representative
Assembly of the Academic Senate