MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 2:10 p.m. Bourns A265. Chair T. Cogswell presided.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular meeting of February 19, 2008 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 4, 2008 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR:

Acting Chancellor Robert Grey briefly discussed the budget situation. The May’s revision of the Governor’s budget put back $100M, the net decrement for the University from this year’s budget will be around 3% which would be manageable. Some campuses are assigning budget cuts, UCR has chosen not to do that.

Acting Chancellor Grey announced that we have a new Dean for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Tom Baldwin from the University of Arizona has accepted the offer and is contingent upon regental approval.

UCR will have a new Chancellor and the University will have a new President. Changes are occurring in the Office of the President, there is a lot of down sizing and there are a number of new people. The President is also new to our system with an excellent reputation who will bring new views and ways of doing things. He encouraged the Senate to continue to play their role in shared governance. The shared governance principal has served the University of California very well over time and has allowed campuses in the University to grow and prosper.

Acting Chancellor Grey thanked everyone for their collaboration in the spirit of shared governance and said that it had been a pleasure working with everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR: 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 A.W. Norman was elected Chair of the Division to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2008.

For the office of Vice Chair of the Division, a single nomination was received for Professor W. Beyermann to serve a one-year term beginning September 1, 2008. The Secretary Parliamentarian was instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

For the office of Representative to the Assembly, a single nomination was received for Professor M. M. Martins-Green to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2008. The Secretary Parliamentarian was instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

Professor J. Ward, R. Rodriguez, K. Esterling, R. Arnott, and D. Burrill were elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Professors L. Bell and C. Gailey were elected to serve on the Committee on Committees from the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

Professors E. Rolland and B. Dodin were elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management.

Professor D. Mitchell was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Education and Professors M. Nash, G. Marcoulides and L. Swanson were elected to serve on the Executive Committee.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Chair T. Cogswell made some brief remarks. The Medical School as well as the proposed School of Public Policy are both before the appropriate system-wide committees in Oakland. We are now focusing on our share of the role in the WASC reaccreditation process and have asked for another Senate-Administration Task Force to tackle this task.

Chair T. Cogswell reported that there was good news from the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education Reform and that three, possibly four pilot projects, will be presented at the Fall Division meeting.

Chair T. Cogswell called attention to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of the e-file system, which is chaired by Professor R. Redak. While the Senate has yet to endorse the entire process, it strongly supports the further development of the new system. Among its findings is a call for a formal governance structure to oversee the e-file system, and calls for us to move forward on the electronic processing of merits and to pause and consider promotion cases until confidential issues are resolved. We are now in negotiations with the Administration about implementing these recommendations.

Chair Cogswell thanked the members of the Selection Committee, Joe Childers, Manuela Martins-Green and Jodie Holt, that brought us our new Chancellor, Timothy White. Chair Cogswell then acknowledged our immense debt to our current Chancellor, Robert D. Grey. On behalf of the Executive Council, Chair Cogswell presented Chancellor Grey with a plaque with the following inscription: “Robert Dean Grey, Acting Chancellor 2007-2008, for his wise leadership, careful stewardship, and unfailing good humor. Academic Senate, UC Riverside.” A round of enthusiastic applause followed.

Chair Cogswell thanked the Senate Staff, members of the Executive Council, his Vice Chairs, past and present, and his Secretary-Parliamentarians for all their help and guidance. He stated he delighted in getting to know the faculty and also thanked the Administrators and Deans. “If we have had any successes the past few years, it has been because the faculty has been able to agree on a host of issues, great and small. In consensus and in unity is our real strength.”

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: Professor C. Lovatt was not able to attend the meeting. The report from the February 20, 2008 Assembly Meeting can be found on page 125 of the full agenda.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Professor N. Schiller, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor S. Straight as the recipient of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

http://senate.ucr.edu/senate_site/cms.php?node=DT_current The report is found on page 126 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations were extended to Professor Straight and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

B. Professor R. Russell, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor I. Strenski, Department of Religious Studies as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2008-2009.

http://senate.ucr.edu/senate_site/cms.php?node=frl_0607 Dr. Strenski’s distinguished career is summarized and reported on page 128 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations were extended to Professor Strenski and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

C. Professor J. Trumble, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor C. Cranor, Department of Philosophy, and Professor M.M. Martins-Green, Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience for this honor.

http://senate.ucr.edu/senate_site/cms.php?node=DCS_current The extensive contributions of these two dedicated campus citizens are summarized in the report of the Committee found on pages 129 and 130 of
the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted. Congratulations were extended to Professor Cranor and Professor Martins-Green and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

D. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal to Reconstitute the AGSM and the Transfer of the B.S. Degree in Business to AGSM, which can be found on page 135 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Professor T. Cogswell, Chair of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the Namings from the Senate: Student Academic Support Services building project to Student Services Building, which can be found on page 135. The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Professor A. Walker, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Division of Biomedical Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the Post Baccalaureate Program in Biomedical Sciences which can be found on page 159 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Professor L. Nunney, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for a B.A. Degree in Geoscience Education, which can be found on page 166 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

H. Professor L. Nunney, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for a B.S. Degree in Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers, which can be found on page 173 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

I. Professor I. Dumer, Chair of the Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees in an Interdepartmental Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering, which can be found on page 183 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

J. Professor I. Dumer, Chair of the Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for a Joint Doctoral Program in Evolutionary Biology Between the University of California, Riverside and San Diego State University, which can be found on page 373 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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