MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 2:10 p.m. in A265 Bourns. Chair A.W. Norman presided.

At the start of the meeting, Chair Norman introduced Mary Croughan, Professor In Residence in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences and in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco and currently the Chair of the Academic Council, as our honored guest.

Professor Croughan’s topic was a set of issues currently at the top of the Academic Senate’s concern. There are several initiatives being considered in the Office of the President that relate directly to the Riverside campus and/or to other campuses systemwide. The Creative Budget Strategies Task Force is charged with finding every way possible to enhance revenue and cut costs within the University. These range from the current policy on furloughs and salary reductions, to differential fees for the School of Engineering and the School of Business, to non resident tuition. Another major issue is restarting UCRP contributions. The furlough and salary reduction policy review will go before the Regents in July for a vote. The President currently has the authority to take these actions but he is committed to a consultative process. Tenure-track faculty will not be laid off within the University of California.

Another issue central to UCR is that the review of the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), which the systemwide Academic Senate has been seeking for 15 years, has been completed. Dan Dooley was hired as Vice President for DANR to initiate the review. One recommendation was that DANR’s resources be expanded to the other campuses, especially including UC Merced. The other aspect of the DANR Review was to specifically look at Cooperative Extension specialists. The Senate is considering Senate membership for cooperative extension specialists and non-senate faculty who assist in clinical sciences. The MRU-MRPI competitive funding process is another issue of interest to UCR. Many MRUs have been in existence for a considerable amount of time, one going back almost 50 years, in spite of a Senate policy to sunset most MRUs after 15 years. The Senate asked to keep funded those MRUs that would not remain competitive in the new competitive process to subject them to a senate review process before they can be deemed a new MRU.

Another ongoing issue is the School of Global Health. Its status has been contentious within the University. Our existing schools of public health are not happy to have a third school established, particularly systemwide. A committee has been put together that will determine whether it will be a school, with F.T.E. and a dean, or alternatively an institute.

The Senate is also looking at revisions to the Chancellor’s Stewardship Reviews. Three campuses currently have Chancellors up for review. Current Senate procedures do not allow for a very broad spectrum of input, so they are considering expanding the process to involve all 10 Division Chairs. Another possible expansion would be to broaden the sampling for comments and not require that they be submitted in writing.

A new group in the external affairs unit of UCOP is working on publicizing the value of the University of California to the State of California. UCOP is also restructuring: its business side has been cut by $60 million, saving $6 million in the first four months in travel alone. Academic affairs is restructuring as well, with Senate involvement. Already accomplished is a restructuring of student affairs, academic personnel,
research, and graduate studies. Organization charts reflecting these changes are currently available on the UCOP web site.

Dan Simmons, a Professor of Law at UC Davis and who previously served as Chair of the Systemwide Senate will be serving as next year’s Vice Chair of the Systemwide Senate; Harry Powell, a Neuropathologist from UC San Diego will Chair. Professor Croughan then called for questions from the floor.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 17, 2009 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor White briefly discussed two topics. The first resulted from the announcement that Al Diaz will be leaving UCR for Purdue next month. After consultation with the cabinet and others, Chancellor White disestablished the unit called Vice Chancellor for Administration. The essential functions that were under the direction of Al Diaz will be moved under other Vice Chancellors. This will provide better service to faculty and students and will save a half million dollars. Dining Services, Housing, and the Child Development Center have been moved to the V.C. for Student Affairs. Academic Planning and Budget is now titled Finance and Business Operations and will retain the resource management analysis function but will now include facilities and operations, Design and Construction, Transportation, Parking and Environmental Health and Safety, Material Management, Mailing and Printing Services. Strategic Academic Research and Analysis has been moved into the Office of the Provost as has the audit function and Ombuds Office. Government Relations and Athletics have moved into the Chancellor’s Office. There will be a separate division responsible for the mechanics of the budget and finance. The general fund budget authority will reside in the Provost and Chancellor Office. This information will be posted on the web and discussed further at a town hall meeting scheduled for Thursday May 21. The Chancellor urged the faculty to attend.

The second topic was the budget reduction process. The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) is represented by several units on campus. Within the BAC is a steering committee comprised of some of the senior administrators, deans and two members from the academic senate. They presented their recommendations to the Chancellor and he will announce them on Thursday. There will be a two week open comment period and the final decisions will be made by June 15th for the next year. At the town meeting, the Chancellor will discuss how the general fund budget will be permanently reduced. The general fund budget is approximately $260 million, with the reduction coming in at a bit over $15 million, though this could jump to $26 as a result of the upcoming election. In any case, ladder rank and graduate teaching positions will not be touched. The floor was then opened to questions.

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 L. Wright, Acting Secretary-Parliamentarian, announced that the election report was found on page 4 of the full agenda.

For the office of Vice Chair of the Division, one valid nomination was received for Professor K. Vafai. There was an additional nomination from the floor for Professor K. Montgomery. There were no other nominations so the matter was moved to an election. Professor Wang was elected to serve as Representative to the Assembly for a two year term effective September 1, 2009.

Professor D. Hoffman was elected to serve as Chair of the Anderson Graduate School of Management and Professor X. Pan was elected to serve on the Anderson Graduate School of Management Executive Committee.
Professor C. Ozkan from the Department of Mechanical Engineering was elected to serve on the Bourns College of Engineering Executive Committee.

Professors G. Palardy and L. Malcom were elected to serve on the Graduate School of Education Executive Committee.

Professors M. Carson, C. Lytle, I. Ethell, and D. Johnson were elected to serve on the Division of Biomedical Sciences Executive Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Chair A. Norman announced that the Academic Senate website has been reengineered and he anticipated that it will be completed by the end of the academic year. Chair Norman reminded faculty that the Academic Senate Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Friday, May 29, 2009.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

II. Reports of Standing Committees: Professor T. Patterson, Chair of the Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, requested that the proposed new Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor and the proposed new Peace and Conflict Studies Minor be moved to its regular place on the agenda for discussion.

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 Larry Wright, Department of Philosophy and Professor Jodie Holt, Department of Botany and Plant Science as the recipients of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award (http://senate.ucr.edu/awards/dta/). The report is found on page 234 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations were extended to Professors Wright and Holt 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 Christopher Reed, Department of Chemistry as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2009-2010 (http://senate.ucr.edu/awards/frl/). The report is found on page 237 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations were extended to Professor Reed 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 Eric Barr, Department of Theatre, and Professor Carol Lovatt, Department of Botany and Plant Science for this honor (http://senate.ucr.edu/awards/dcs/). The extensive contributions of these two dedicated campus citizens are summarized in the report of the Committee found on pages 238 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted. Congratulations were extended to Professor Barr and Professor Lovatt and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

D. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the Committee on Academic Personnel Bylaw 8.4.1 which can be found on page 240 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.
E. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the Committee on Undergraduate Council Bylaw 8.23 which can be found on page 242 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

F. Professor A. Norman, Chair of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the Naming Opportunity from the Senate for Botanic Gardens street signs which can be found on page 245 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Professor G. Haggerty, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on General Education Reform, presented and moved adoption of the proposed General Education Concentrations which can be found on page 249 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

H. Professor T. Patterson, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed new Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor which can be found on page 153 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

I. Professor T. Patterson, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed new Peace and Conflict Studies Minor which can be found on page 176 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE: Chair Norman called on Rick Redak, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Welfare. CFW has been dealing with issues regarding the faculty furloughs and salary cuts, parking and the faculty club. He also reported to the faculty that they would be receiving a Faculty Climate Survey from the Senate before July 1, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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