MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Genomics Auditorium, Room 1102A. Chair A.W. Norman presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of December 1, 2009 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor White noted recent expressions of intolerance and racial hatred on UC campuses, and he urged everyone to stand in support of UCR’s goals of tolerance and diversity.

The Chancellor then presented further information regarding matters discussed at his town hall meeting of last week.

The Gift Account puts resources to intended uses in a timely way without hoarding. At different times the campus has made investments in different programs. For example, the BCOE start-up 20 years ago, now includes 98 faculty FTE (81 filled) and CHASS investment over past 5 years includes 31 faculty FTE to 341 (304 filled).

The School of Medicine Financing Plan began in the 1970’s when the Biomedical Sciences 2-year program was established. Discussion of the Medical School began in the 1990’s with serious planning in 2003. In 2008, the School of Medicine received Senate and Regental approval. This year, the Dean was hired and the plan is to enroll the first 4-year class in 2012. The University received a United Healthcare grant for $5M, of which $1M remains. In December the University received $4M from the federal government for the development of the research building for medical school and science faculty. The University has received $18M in gifts and pledges. In February, President Obama modified his budget request in Congress and increased it by over a $100M to develop medical schools in underdeveloped America, and Riverside is one of four such areas in the country.

The Biomedical Sciences Program is half of a medical school. The annual general fund state budget which is supporting the Biomedical Sciences Program is $3.1 million. This will continue until it is absorbed into the overall School of Medicine.

The plan has been to submit an application for LCME accreditation in the fall. Their approval to continue would then place the matter before President Yudoff for approval to begin recruiting students for the Fall of 2012. The LCME will not provide their approval unless they see resources that will allow admission and training a class and teach for 4 years. If the University lacks the commitment for recurring resources, the timeline will be postponed for a year.

The Chancellor then addressed budget reductions and other related issues. He thanked the faculty for the additional instructional efforts that enable the University to satisfy student enrollment needs. There was a one-time allocation of approximately $3 M to provide relief for overload in teaching.

Lastly, Chancellor White spoke about the importance of continued support for the faculty even without state funding. The academic merit program will continue with $6M through 2010-2011, and there were notable faculty retention successes.
In closing, the Chancellor described the School of Medicine necessary investment and a moral commitment to our community.

The Chancellor then opened the floor to questions. Several faculty expressed concern about the resources required to continue moving forward on the School of Medicine and the need for continuing Academic Senate consultation.

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 D. Ozer, Secretary-Parliamentarian, announced that the election report was found on page 7 of the full agenda.

Professor T. Mock was elected to serve on the School of Business Administration Executive Committee.

The results for the five resolutions that were submitted to a mail ballot as a consequence of the Divisional faculty meeting on December 1, 2009 are:

Resolution on Campus Equity and Shared Governance, 178 votes in favor, 71 opposed, and 5 abstained. The resolution passed.

Resolution on Meaningful Fiscal Transparency, 140 votes in favor, 89 opposed, and 19 abstained. The resolution passed.

Resolution on Ensuring Solvency in Retirement Benefits, 204 votes in favor, 34 opposed, and 10 abstained. The resolution passed.

Resolution on the Strategic Planning Process at UC Riverside, 150 votes in favor, 81 opposed, and 14 abstained. The resolution passed.

Resolution on Faculty FTE, 107 votes in favor, 104 opposed, and 31 abstained. The resolution passed. The full text of the resolutions are available in the call.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: The January 13, 2010 Assembly Meeting was cancelled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES

A. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in Regulation R6.4.4 regarding campus graduation requirements, concentration option which can be found on page 29 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded. Professor R. Redak from the Department of Entomology made a motion to postpone the motion to the next Academic Senate Meeting in May. The motion to postpone was seconded and approved by a majority vote.

B. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in procedures for election of the UCR Division Senate leadership
positions, Bylaw 2 Executive Officers, and Bylaw 8.5, Executive Council which can be found on page 33 of the full agenda. The motion was moved and seconded. Professor D. Hare, Chair of Committee on Faculty Welfare spoke in favor of the proposed changes. The current term of Chair is two years but the incoming Chair may or may not have much experience with a number of the issues that are going to occur. The proposed changes would provide for a defined succession of the Vice Chair to Chair after one full year of service as Vice Chair, so the transition issues would be less onerous. Professor M. Martins-Green cited several reasons for not approving the proposed changes. Professor W. Beyermann agreed with Professor M. Martins-Green noting that of the last 15 systemwide Senate Chairs, over 70% of them came from one of the five campuses that have a two year term. He urged a no vote as it would dilute our potential for influence systemwide. The motion did not pass.

C. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaws 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 3.7, 6.2, and 7.31 which can be found on page 45 of the agenda. The motion was moved and seconded. This proposal changes “days of instruction” to “calendar days” throughout the bylaws. The reference to Vice Chair (Chair Designate) will be removed and returned to the current language as an editorial change. The motion passed unanimously.

D. The Committee on Committees requested that this item be withdrawn from the agenda. Professor R. Smith requested that this item be placed under New Business.

E. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes in Bylaw 8.28 for General Education Advisory Committee and Bylaw 8.5.1, addition of the General Education Advisory Committee to the Executive Council which can be found on page 50 of the full agenda. The motion was moved and seconded. Professor G. Haggerty commented that the general education has been neglected on this campus and he feels that we need a standing committee to address general education concerns and to assess the ongoing pilot program. He urged a vote of yes on this proposal. Professor M. Yates asked why would we vote to create a standing committee of the Academic Senate for the purpose of oversight of a pilot program due to be reconsidered in a little more than 4 years. Professor M. Yates also asked why a committee called the General Education Advisory Committee would be charged only with oversight of the alternative breath concentrations and not the entire cadre of general education requirements across the campus. Professor Haggerty indicated that the Committee would encourage and evaluate the new concentrations that may be proposed. He added that once a general education advisory committee is appointed, it would be the obvious committee to turn to for questions regarding curricular breadth requirements. Professor Yates asserted that the charge to the committee is too narrow. She urged withdrawal of the motion, and that it be revised to include in the duties of the committee oversight of all the campus breadth requirements.

Professor C. Gailey moved to amend 8.28.1 to read: The charge of the committee will be to oversee breadth requirements and any existing alternative breadth concentrations, coordinate their distribution, and approve them once they have demonstrated their feasibility. The motion seconded. The vote was 16 in favor, 22 opposed. The motion failed.

A motion was moved and seconded to postpone the item indefinitely until matters brought forward in the prior discussion were addressed. Professor D. Ozer, Secretary Parliamentarian, summarized these matters: (1) The charge be redone to include general education, including the concentrations, (2) a clear description of the concentration review process, addressing both concentration feasibility and program effectiveness. The motion to postpone indefinitely passed.
F. Professor K. Montgomery, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the Room Naming Opportunity for the Delfino Family Plant Laboratory which can be found on page 52 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

G. Professor K. Montgomery, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the Tokuji and Bettie L. Furuta Endowed Chair for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences which can be found on page 63 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

H. Professor K. Montgomery, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the Mir S. Mulla Endowed Term Chair in Entomology which can be found on page 69 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

New Business

A. Professor P. Gorecki, Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom spoke to the faculty regarding Academic Freedom and the “Furlough Question” which can be found on page 82 of the full agenda. The Committee had an inquiry from a colleague asking whether it is consistent with the principles of academic freedom for the University to institute a furlough policy while prohibiting faculty from reducing their teaching load at a level proportional to the work reduction. The charge of the committee is to be alert to any conditions within or without the University that, in the judgment of the committee, may adversely affect the freedom of the academic community at large and shall report any such conditions to the Division. The committee concluded that the prohibition as currently implemented does indeed compromise academic freedom. The recommendation of the Committee is to stimulate a discussion and increase awareness to the issues. Chair Norman stated that this could be brought to an Executive Council meeting to see if there is additional discussion.

B. Item 10D - Proposed change in Bylaw 8.8.2.1 and 8.8.2.3 – Committee on Committees was moved from its normal place on the agenda for discussion. Professor R. Smith distributed an amendment to the proposed Committee on Committee bylaw for discussion. The main concern of the School of Business is that they have regular representation on the Committee. He proposed that each school shall have representation on the Committee on Committees by at least one person.

Professor C. Gailey, Chair of Committee on Committees noted that the proposal leaves open to consideration what is to be done regarding representation of the 17 members of the Biomedical Sciences faculty.

The motion to amend Bylaw 8.8.2.1 and 8.8.2.3 was seconded and the item will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next Divisional meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

D. Ozer, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

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Recording Secretary