MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium, Room 1102A. Chair A.W. Norman presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 5, 2010 were approved with an amendment. A sentence was added to the final paragraph of the Announcements by the Chancellor: “Others expressed support, perhaps none more eloquently than Neal Schiller.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor White reflected on events of the past year. Fee increase protests, a large incoming class, offering sufficient courses for these many students, appointing a Dean for the School of Medicine, and the ongoing search for a Provost. Dallas Rabenstein has agreed to continue to serve on an interim assignment for another year. The Chancellor expressed his gratitude toward the faculty for continuing their work to maintain the quality of students’ experience and their robust research commitments. The Chancellor expressed his continued belief that our future is bright and that we are a campus on the rise.

A second draft of the Strategic Plan has been released. Eighty faculty have participated on subcommittees and 300 participated in surveys. The comments on the second draft are due by June 1st. There has been much careful listening, and the feedback provided by the Senate both formally and by senate members informally has been essential in creating a good document. The plan will challenge us, it will keep us within our aspirations and build on our existing strengths, but also enable us to create new strengths. It is important that we hold on to our core values but also allow this document to push us to new and innovative strategies to realize this core set of values.

The budget outlook for next year is tenuous, with some grounds for optimism. The Governor has been consistent in stating he would raise funding for higher education. The May revision has new money over last year of about $371 million for the University of California. About $305 million is restoration of cuts made last year and about $51 million is for unfunded enrollment. Additionally there is money for capital projects across the UC and the maintenance of the Cal grant support, and the President has reaffirmed that the furlough program will be terminated in August.

Unprecedented enrollment interest continues. We will have more students next year, including about 4100 freshman, which is above the target; but will have fewer (about 950) transfer students than we had planned. For Fall 2012, we will have a different admissions procedure. A committee including the four Deans of the undergraduate colleges, the Graduate Dean, and representatives from the Budget Office as well as from the Senate will be chaired, ex officio, by Jim Sandoval. The committee will advise the Provost in making enrollment management decisions. The committee will begin work this month.

In closing, the Chancellor noted the untimely passing of Professor Paul Hoffman from Philosophy. There will be a gathering at the Botanic Gardens tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. to celebrate his life and the lives all faculty, staff and students who we lost this year.

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 5 of the full agenda.

Professor M. Gauvain was elected to serve as Chair of the Riverside Division to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012.

Professor A.M. Walker was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Riverside Division, for a one-year term beginning September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011.

For the Office of Representative to the Assembly, a single nomination was received for Professor T. Morton to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012. The Secretary Parliamentarian was instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

Professor T. Cogswell, was elected to serve as one member the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Executive Committee from the Department of History.

Professor D. Parker was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Professors D. Roff, G. Love, G. Wilson, K. Borkovich, X. Cui were elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Professors F. Sauer and Y. Wang were elected to serve on the Committee on Committees from the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

Professor M. El Hafsi was elected to serve as one member from the Anderson Graduate School of Management Executive Committee from the Department of Finance and Management Science.

Professor M. Sperling was elected to serve as Chair of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Education. Professors R. O’Connor and R. Ream were elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Graduate School of Education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Chair A. Norman spoke about how quickly the past two years have gone. There were a series of notable events which occurred. The most significant was the arrival of the new Chancellor. There were budget cuts systemwide, at UCOP, and locally. There was the challenge of understanding the concept of a furlough and the hardships for both faculty and staff in going through it.

The Senate has been importantly involved in the Strategic Planning process. In part, this process is driven by the Chancellor’s scheduled presentation to Board of Regents in September, where he will outline UCR’s vision for the future. We have completed Draft #1 and Draft #2, and there is a prospect for Draft #3.

There were two Academic Senate surveys released this year. The Faculty Exit Survey which included faculty who left the University. This survey was developed by the Committee on Faculty Welfare and the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity. In the Fall quarter, the Senate conducted the Faculty Climate Survey of all faculty present and active. This was also developed up by the Faculty Welfare and Diversity Committees with the support of the UCR Survey Center. Reports of both surveys are posted on the Senate website, and Chair Norman urged the faculty to read the reports.

The work of the Gould Commission continues. The calendar for reviewing the proposals of the Gould Commission was moved from the June Academic Council meeting to the May Council meeting. Chair Norman announced that he will be taking with him a 40 page single spaced report which summarizes the work product of the senate committees. All nine campuses will be providing such summaries. The Council will decide which resolutions to support.
Across the system, there were climate issues that occurred in the Spring quarter at UC Irvine and UC San Diego. Fortunately there were no overt incidents at UCR. A series of committees will be created which will advise the Chancellor and other Administration on climate issues relevant to UCR.

Chair Norman thanked all the faculty and members of the Academic Senate and the committee members for all their work.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: Professor M. Martins-Green, Senior Representative to the Assembly and Professor A. Wang, Junior Representative were unable to attend. Chair Norman presented a short report of the telephone Assembly Meeting on May 25th.

The major reason for having the telephone meeting was to approve the nomination of Professor Robert M. Anderson to become the Vice Chair of the Senate beginning next September, and then one year later move to becoming the Chair of the Academic Senate. Professor Anderson is from the UC Berkeley campus and is the Coleman Fung Professor of Risk Management and his specialization is Mathematics and Economics. He has been associated with the Faculty Welfare Committee and the Post Employment Benefits Committee and has played an active role in the Faculty Welfare Benefits Plan. Professor Anderson was elected unanimously.

Chair Norman then presented Professor M. Martins-Green’s report.

The Presidential Task Force on Post-Employment Benefits - All faculties should be aware of the recommendations being developed by this task force. If you did not attend the two forums that took place here at UCR, one by representatives of the task force and the other by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, faculty are encouraged to visit the OP website for information on this issue.

The Campus Climate Culture – The President is very concerned with issues of campus climate. As a result, he has requested that each Chancellor appoint multi-constituency Advisory Council to evaluate campus climate conditions, practices and policies; promote the identification and sharing of best practices that promote the goals of inclusion and community; and monitor and evaluate the implementation of new practices and policies, and progress on each campus. In addition, he also announced that the Regents are discussing the formation of a new committee that will oversee diversity issues and campus climate.

The Chancellor made a comment regarding the Post Employment Benefits discussion. One item that came up at the last Regents meeting was that the analysis will be presented to the Regents at the July meeting for action in September. His advice to the Riverside Division was not to take action until September when the faculty has returned to campus.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES

A. Professor S. Fedick, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Margarita Curra-Collazo, Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience as the recipient of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The Committee’s report can be found on page 189 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations were extended to Professor Curra-Collazo and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

B. Professor S. Stewart, member of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Chandra M. Varma, Department of Physics and Astronomy as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2009-2010. The Committee’s report can be found
on page 191 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations were extended to Professor Varma and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

C. Professor J. Briggs, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor Anil Deolalikar, Department of Economics and Professor Mary Gauvain, Department of Psychology for this honor. The extensive contributions of these two dedicated campus citizens are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 193 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted. Congratulations were extended to Professor Deolalikar and Professor Gauvain and a round of enthusiastic applause followed.

D. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the Committee on Committees Bylaw 8.8.2.1 which can be found on page 194 of the full agenda. The Chair of the Committee on Committees, Professor C. Gailey, stated that the Committee does not want to change its bylaws at this time. Professor R. Smith clarified that the motion was to simply define the committee to include one member from each college and school that has membership on the Executive Committee and to set the College of Engineering representation to two. There was a typo noted in the proposal under 8.8.2.1 with the sentence beginning “No college or school. The word that was corrected to read than. The motion to amend the bylaws did not pass.

E. Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to Committee on Research Bylaw 8.20 which can be found on page 198 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Professor K. Montgomery, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of “Oban” as the proposed name for the Summer Ridge apartment complex, “The Charter Student Promenade” as the proposed name for the location of the concrete slabs that were signed by the original graduating class of UCR, and “The School of Medicine-Education Building” as the proposed name for the Statistics and Computer Building. These items can be found on page 201 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Professor K. Montgomery, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council presented and moved adoption of the proposal to establish the UCR Program for Professor of the Graduate Division (PGD) which can be found on page 211 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

H. Chair Norman acted on behalf of the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. There were two awards this year. Professor I. Kaloshian and Professor A. Wang were the recipients of the 2009-2010 Award. As a recipient of the award they will each receive a $3000 monetary award and a trophy. The award will be allocated to their department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Professor J. Cioffi, Chair of the Rules and Jurisdiction Committee presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to Regulation 6.4.4 – Campus Graduation Requirements which can be found on page 222A of the full agenda. Consideration of this matter had been postponed at the previous meeting. The Rules and Jurisdiction Committee anticipates additional legislative proposals on this matter. A motion to table this item passed.

UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE: Dan Hare, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Welfare commented on the Post Employment Benefits Proposal. The proposals are still evolving and have changed considerably since we heard them in February and further change is expected. He will keep the faculty informed as to the changes. Professor Khoury asked if this will affect existing faculty or new hires. This is still being debated, but the Senate position is that it should affect new hires.
NEW BUSINESS:

Professor Khoury spoke about the perceived injustice in the handling of his personnel file.

Professor K. Montgomery, personally and on behalf of the Senate, thanked Chair Norman for his service throughout the last two years.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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