MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 2:10 p.m. in the Bourns Hall, Room A265. Chair M. Gauvain presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 25, 2010 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: The Chancellor reported that although we received a $51.5 million cut in 2010, we saved about $17 million in cuts, more so in administrative costs than academic, as well as avoided costs of some $13 million through furloughs, temporary layoffs, travel reduction, hiring freezes, and other cuts. We also lowered reserves, and cash-managed a portion forward to this year in anticipation of the now-realized increases in student fees and state funding. This year, we received about $56 million in new funding, excluding the funding of enrollment. We received $22.6 million (net financial aid) due to the 32% student fee increase, $14 million from a partial restoration of the 09-10 cut, $11.8 million from the fees paid by unfunded students, and $7.6 million as one time funding from ARRA funding. There are associated obligatory costs of $39 million, which leaves a balance of about $17 million.

In addition, the state has started to fund previously unfunded students and we received a permanent addition of $13.2 million for 831 of our over 3000 unfunded students. In the coming years, we will have approximately $7.2 million in permanent costs including faculty merits, TA lines, library costs, start-up costs, leaving about $23 million for discretionary funds. In the spirit of shared governance and budget transparency, a budget advisory committee, with membership of senate chairs, faculty members, and administrative and academic leadership, is in the process of being formed. This committee will advise the Chancellor and EVC/Provost on financial matters.

Given the state of the California budget and the change in leadership in the Governor’s office, there may be a mid-year adjustment to the state budget allocation to UC and UCR. Also, the $7.6 million from ARRA is a onetime payment, and it is unknown if this federal funding will continue.

The Chancellor noted that he would like pursue some strategic investments based on the newly adopted UCR 2020 Strategic Plan. There are numerous possibilities in research and in structural and academic support. However, one significant element in using resources now is the financial commitment of the campus to the retirement plan. The cost to UCR this year for the retirement plan will be $6.6 million and in 2011-12 it will be $11.5 million, an amount that is equivalent to 91 FTE. When we add this expense to that of other unfunded mandates, such as merits and promotion costs, the obligation is equivalent to 174 Faculty FTE. There is no state support at this time for meeting these obligations and so some of this $23 million must be used to pay for some of these costs. The success of our research endeavor is going to require some investments, as well.

Funding for the School of Medicine is separate from these funding concerns. We have a legislative directive of $10 million dollars that comes with the expectation of annual reports of deliverables on the medical school. Two million dollars of this amount will come from the UCOP reserves and $8 million will come from the Chancellor’s Discretionary funds and not from general campus funds. The wording from the state was that we must spend $10 million on the SOM and wording from UCOP directs us “to use a portion of our restored state funding or other resources.”
Currently our student population includes approximately 86% undergraduate students and 14% graduate and professional students. We hope to change that ratio to 80%/20% by slowing the enrollment growth of undergraduates and increasing the enrollment of graduate and professional students. Two groups have been formed to investigate enrollment management and the related but separate issues of course demand.

The Enrollment Management Council has been charged by the Chancellor. The Council is chaired by Sharon Duffy, and includes as members the Academic Deans, VCSA, chairs of 3 senate committees and technical professional help from finance and admissions. The Council will make recommendations to the Provost.

The Course Demand Workgroup has been charged by the Provost, and it is chaired by Jim Sandoval. Its members come from many units of UCR, and the Workgroup is focused on assuring sufficient course availability to meet student demand on a quarterly basis.

The Chancellor noted that international undergraduate enrollment has remained at 1% since his arrival at UCR. He intends to relax the number of students admitted by exception to improve the global community of students on campus, thereby increasing the learning of multiple cultures by all students, as well as create additional revenues from enrolling more international undergraduate students. For example, maintaining a population of 200 new international students would bring a permanent increase of about $4 million for our campus. On this issue, at the last Regents meeting, a 10% cap for non-resident students was discussed. Several Regents felt there should not be a cap, however, the Chancellor noted that the public at large is concerned about international students taking up seats for eligible California students.

The Chancellor briefly touched on the need for increasing productivity in research and creative activities as well as the need for increased transparency with regards to our finances.

The floor was then opened for 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 D. Ozer, Secretary-Parliamentarian, announced that the election report was found on page 6 of the full agenda.

Professors S. M. Helfand, B. Bishin, R. Richert, S. Hafez, and A. Smith were elected to serve on the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Executive Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:** Chair Gauvain welcomed the faculty to the new academic year. She stated the Senate office is working very hard on all the various committees, and particularly, there is a lot of effort going into dealing with problems related to course approvals and program reviews. We have also dealt with several Systemwide issues this past fall such as the post employment benefits discussion, the Gould Commission on the Future of the University, and the budget. In her effort to visit each of the departments on campus, she stated that she has visited about a third of the departments at their departmental meetings to ask what the Senate can do for the faculty and to encourage faculty to volunteer and be engaged with the Senate.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.

**REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY:** Professor M. Gauvain announced that the report of June 16, 2010 meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate can be found on page 102 of the full agenda.
A. Professor K. Vafai, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in the Committee on Courses Bylaw 8.10.1 and 8.10.2 which can be found on page 104 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

B. Professor K. Vafai, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to Committee on Distinguished Service Bylaw 8.27.2 which can be found on page 106 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

C. Professor K. Vafai, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaw N4.1, MN4.1.1, and N4.1.1.1 which can be found on page 107 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

D. Professor K. Vafai, Chair of Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change to Regulation 6.4 which can be found on page 110 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Professor A. Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of “Athletics and Dance Building” as the proposed name for the Physical Education Building, and “School of Medicine Health Sciences Research Building” as the proposed name for the Health Sciences Surge building. These items can be found on page 113 and 114 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Professor A. Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the modified proposal to establish the UCR Program for Professor of the Graduate Division (PGD) which can be found on page 115 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Professor A. Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the Writing Across the Curriculum: A Proposal to Diversify and Strengthen the Colleges’ Writing Requirements. A motion to include wording in the regulation to identify this as a pilot program was proposed and withdrawn. The motion to adopt the Writing Across the Curriculum proposal passed by majority vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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Recording Secretary