MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 24 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair M. Gauvain presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 15, 2011 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: The Chancellor opened his remarks by describing the important employee recognition program that has been in place on campus. He described several changes to the program, which will now include recognition for faculty (after 10 years) as well as staff (after five years of service).

Enrollment was characterized as being in reasonably good shape for next year. The target of new, first year residential students appears to be about 250 short of the expected number of 3,750, and there is some possibility that we may lose a portion of our base funding. However, we expected about 1,200 transfer students and we will have closer to 1,500, and the number of International students who will enroll will also likely exceed our target.

In introducing budget issues, the Chancellor reminded faculty of the Town Hall meeting on June 3. In March, the UC system received notice of a likely $500 million budget cut; our part to be a little less than $38 million. The President has already cut programs dropping our cut by $4 million. However, a $12 million cost to the campus in pension and contributions to health program must be added to the campus budget, so $45-46 million budget cut will be required. The budget planning process has been underway with considerable consultation with academic and non-academic units. The goal is to finalize the process in early June.

The Chancellor described a even more ominous future. Enrollment increases, growth in compensation for Faculty and Staff and increasing post-employment benefits costs suggests continuing budget reductions. The Chancellor described several planning scenarios now being discussed. All of the scenarios include substantial increases in fees and other costs to students. In the worst of the planning scenarios, the full cost per year to attend UCR in 2015-16 would reach $40,000.

The Chancellor mentioned the possibility of an all cuts budget for the coming year. This would require further cuts beyond to those already mentioned and a likely increase in tuition in January.

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 3 of the full agenda.
For the Office of Vice Chair of the Riverside Division, a single nomination was received for Professor A.M. Walker to serve a one-year term beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. 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 Emeritus Anthony W. Norman to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. A nomination was received for Professor Patricia Morton. An election ballot will be prepared and sent to Senate members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:** Chair Gauvain reported she had attended numerous meetings both systemwide and across the campus throughout the year, assuring her that shared governance was working. In the fall, there were many discussions regarding the UCRP, and the Senate was involved in shaping the proposal the President took to the Regents. She recognized Professors Dan Hare and Helen Henry for their work done both Statewide and locally, helping the campus understand these important issues. She also thanked the Vice Chair of the Division, Professor Ameae Walker, as well as committee chairs and members who served throughout the year. The Senate staff was recognized and the Chair announced Sue Stracener’s retirement. She noted that with budget cuts, there will be a reduction in Senate staff support and there may be some work slowdown. She then asked for a round of applause for these individuals.

Chair Gauvain then described her campus activities over the year in more detail. She stated she had made visits to 32 of 42 departments to discuss any issues related to the Senate or other campus matters. The course and program approval process was repeatedly a concern. She reported that methods of streamlining these procedures are currently under discussion. Budget matters were also a matter of concern to faculty. In view of the continued budget crisis, she expressed her view that the campus strive to retain the core of our academic mission. She indicated that an ad hoc Committee on Academic Planning chaired by Professor Doug Mitchell had focused on this issue, and that the committee’s work will be reported later in the meeting.

The Chair described the launching of a faculty research specialization data base. It is hoped to have a keyword search system on the website by September, enabling faculty to more easily locate colleagues with specific interests to support more collaborative work.

The Chair announced that in the coming year four UCR faculty will serve as chair or vice chair of a statewide Academic Senate committee. Professor Dan Hare will be Vice Chair of UCFW, Professor Helen Henry will be Chair of the Task Force on Investment and Retirement, Professor Manuela Martins-Green will be Vice Chair of UCAAD, and Professor Jose Wudka will chair UCEP. As a member of the Academic Council, Chair Gauvain announced that she was appointed to the task force concerned with implementing recent recommendations on the size and fiscal management of the university. She then thanked everyone for their support.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.
Reports of Standing Committees Received and Placed on File: Professor Tim Close moved the Rules and Jurisdiction Annual Report be moved to Item 10.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: Professor M. Gauvain announced that the report of April 13, 2011 meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate could be found on page 144 of the full agenda.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Professor Doug Mitchell was introduced as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Planning. He thanked the members of the committee that included Malcolm Baker, Steven Clark, Nosang Myung, Anthony Norma, and Patricia Springer. The Committee met about seven times. They concluded that “Neither the members of this Ad Hoc Committee nor any Faculty Senate group have a sufficient knowledge of the diverse capabilities and needs of campus academic units to make an informed judgment regarding where academic programs can be reorganized, restructured or eliminated in ways that significantly contribute to budget balancing without doing serious damage to the University mission!” The submitted Ad Hoc Committee report proposed a Senate study of academic units, and he moved that “…the Riverside Division endorse the study proposed and direct the Chair of the Division to task the appropriate Senate committees to participate in the study as appropriate.” The motion was moved and seconded. Dr. Parker commented that he supported the motion in principle but was concerned that cuts of office staff undermined the feasibility of the project. Chair Gauvain suggested that if the motion passed, perhaps at the beginning of the year Executive Council could discuss ways to make the project more feasible. The motion was voted on and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES

A. Professor Emeritus Al Page, former recipient and member of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor Peter Sadler of the Department of Earth Sciences and Professor Conrad Rudolph of the Department of History of Art as the recipients of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The Committee’s report can be found on page 147 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professors Sadler and Rudolph.

B. Professor Dan Ozer, Secretary/Parliamentarian on behalf of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Norman C. Ellstrand, Department of Botany and Plant Sciences as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2010-2011. The Committee’s report can be found on page 149 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professor Ellstrand.

C. Professor Carl Cranor, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Giles Waines, Department of Botany & Plant Sciences for this honor. The extensive contributions of this dedicated campus citizen are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 150 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professor Waines.
D. Professor David Herzberger, Chair of the Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed Moratorium of the Interdisciplinary Studies Major found on page 151 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Professor David Herzberger, Chair of the Executive Committee, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to the Selection Criteria for transfer applicants into Psychology or into Psychology/Law and Society Majors found on page 171 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Professor D. Parker, Chair of Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed Moratorium on the Biological Sciences Major found on page 174 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Professor D. Parker, Chair of Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed Moratorium on the joint CSUF-UCR Program in Environmental Sciences found on page 181 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

H. Professor D. Parker, Chair of Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for an Interdepartmental Major in Cell, Molecular and Developmental Biology found on page 187 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

I. Professor D. Parker, Chair of Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for an Interdepartmental Major, BS in Microbiology found on page 207 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

J. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the MaryLu Clayton Rosenthal Dance Studio which can be found on page 221 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

K. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the Early Career Chair in Urban Entomology, Winston Chung Endowed Term Professorship in Energy Innovation, and the Winston Chung Endowed Term Professorship in Sustainability as well as the Naming of the Winston Chung Hall and the Winston Chung Global Energy Center which can be found on page 232 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

L. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the Amrik Singh Poonian Endowed Chair in Computer Science which can be found on page 268 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.
M. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection Endowed Chair which can be found on page 283 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

N. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the proposal to Disestablish/Consolidate SoBA Departments which can be found on page 296 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

O. Professor George Haggerty, Chair of the General Education Advisory Board, presented and moved adoption of the proposed General Education Concentration Ecology/Biodiversity found on page 312 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded.

Professor Tim Close had a procedural question and he moved a suspension of order to bring up the report of the R&J Committee. Secretary/Parliamentarian Dan Ozer asked for a Point of Order to clarify that this was in reference to his earlier removal of the R&J report to Item 10 and he then seconded the motion to alter the order since it was pertinent to discuss the report at this time. Prof. Close read the last two sentences from the report: “Finally, part of the Charge of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction is to assure that legislation does not conflict with the bylaws and regulations of the Academic Senate. Consequently, the Committee formally reminded each College Executive Committee to add any GE Concentration Options to its regulations.” He stated this relates to Regulation R6.13 which was passed last November, which cites no specific general education option but allows for their creation and inclusion in college regulations. At this time, there are no descriptions in any of the college’s regulations that cover general education options. Prof. Close argued that this motion (i.e., Prof. Haggerty’s motion) should not be construed as approval of a CHASS regulation change which should be considered by the faculty of that college. He asked the CHASS Executive Committee Chair and the Secretary/Parliamentarian whether anything is in motion to codify these options. CHASS Ex. Committee Chair David Herzberger stated that the Concentration had been approved by CHASS. Prof. Close pointed out that the item (the main motion from the General Education Advisory Board) on a new GE concentration option was not a proposal for a CHASS Regulation change and that CHASS Regulations remain without any description of the GE Concentration options. Secretary/Parliamentarian Ozer stated that the CHASS Executive Committee had approved the Concentration, and it was their task to determine whether or not the appropriate process of CHASS approval had been completed. Dr. Herzberger stated again that the Concentration had been approved by the CHASS Executive Committee. Prof. Close acknowledged that approval of Educational Policy and the CHASS Executive Committee fulfilled Division Bylaw 10, but that Division Bylaw 9, which requires College Faculty vote of approval for legislation change seemed not to have been fulfilled since there was no evidence in the agenda of a vote in favor of a College Regulation change. Prof. Close urged the CHASS Faculty to complete the process of codifying specific General Education options by voting for the necessary Regulation changes via a CHASS College Faculty meeting.
The Secretary/Parliamentarian called the question asking for a vote on the main motion of the proposed General Education Concentration. There being no objection, a vote on the motion proceeded and the General Education Concentration Ecology/Biodiversity proposal was approved.

P. Professor Morris Maduro, Chair of the Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for Master of Arts in Accounting, Auditing and Assurance – Department of Accounting and Information Systems – School of Business Administration found on page 314 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Q. Professor Morris Maduro, Chair of the Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal for M.S. in Computer Engineering found on page 366 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

R. Professor Morris Maduro, Chair of the Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the Proposal to Establish a Self-Supporting, College-Wide, Online Master-of-Science in Engineering Degree Program within the Bourns College of Engineering found on page 395 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

S. Professor Kambiz Vafai, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, presented and moved adoption of the proposed Changes to Regulation 6 – Campus Graduation Requirement found on page 436 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

T. Professor S. Clark, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions, presented the proposal to modify the transfer student admission selection criteria listed in the General Catalog. Professor Clark noted that the proposal is concerned only with the way in which GPA is used in transfer student admissions. It permits the use of flexible rather than fixed criteria for using GPA in transfer admissions decisions but does not change any other admissions or enrollment policy. Presently, admission goals are recommended by the Enrollment Management Council to the Provost, who, in consultation with the Chancellor, sets annual admissions targets and parameters. This proposal does not change that policy. Professor Clark moved adoption of the proposal found on page 447 of the full agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

New Business

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

ATTEST:

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

Marla Jo Booth
Recording Secretary