ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR:

Chancellor Conoley began her remarks to the Division by asking for any questions or concerns from those present. J. Wudka asked the Chancellor how UCR is moving forward after the passage of Proposition 30. Chancellor Conoley responded that the passage of Proposition 30 does not infuse new money into the System, but rather stops budget cuts. The passage of Proposition 30 will allow for UCR to hire 50 faculty members, which in turn will help UCR to grow and adhere to the strategic plan.

Chancellor Conoley remarked that she was extremely impressed with the faculty, staff and students at UCR and presented several of the initiatives that she hopes to pursue during her time as Chancellor. One initiative to be addressed is hiring new faculty to help further develop UCR. In addition, Chancellor Conoley hopes to expand and diversify revenue sources as state funding is limited. As a result, UCR needs to secure funding from a variety of sources. Chancellor Conoley intends for UCR to pursue the development of large resources centers, training grants, and patents as avenues for UCR to diversify revenue in addition to increasing private contributions.

Chancellor Conoley next presented to the Division the University of California Office of the Presidents’ (UCOP) priorities. Online education is one priority, as the Governor of California announced his support for it at the last Regent’s Meeting. Chancellor Conoley stated that she appreciate’s the leadership of the Academic Senate in addressing online education at UCR. It is still not yet clear how the System will save money with online education, but there is hope that it will reduce bottlenecks for students as they will have greater accessibility to courses. The Governor also expressed concern in regards to the amount of time faculty devote to instruction compared to research. UCOP is trying to proactively combat this view by stressing that research and teaching are both important components of a faculty member’s workload. Chancellor Conoley had the opportunity to meet with President Yudof recently for the annual budget review meeting. The meeting was extremely positive and UCOP recognized that UCR has a plan to meet the challenges that face the campus.

Chancellor Conoley concluded her remarks to the Division by stating that the heart and soul of UCR is the faculty body and she will hence be a champion for them during her time as Chancellor at UCR.

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 P. S. Gorecki, Secretary-Parliamentarian, announced that the election report was found on page 6 of the full agenda and moved that the election report be approved. The motion was unanimously adopted.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:

J. Wudka briefed the Division on the status of the Chancellor’s Search and informed the Division that he is the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Chancellor’s Search Committee. The Faculty Advisory Committee’s role is to advise the President on the selection of UCR’s next Chancellor and though not involved in the actual Chancellor selection process, it is the subcommittee who will initially vet all candidates and help narrow a short list. J. Wudka encouraged the Division to visit the Academic Senate webpage and use the link provided to submit any comments or concerns they may have regarding the search or to nominate potential candidates.

J. Wudka next discussed online education at UCR and briefed the Division on UC’s history of online education. Several years ago UCOP created a pilot program to study online education that later and without consultation with the Academic Senate, morphed into an internally funded program that aimed at increasing revenue. The program is now titled UCOE. The main goal of UCOE was to attract students from outside of the UC System, but at last count only two such students have enrolled. UCOP now hopes to create a system where students on all campuses can cross-register for courses. The Regents have expressed the desire to explore online education policies further, especially since the state providing UC with 10 million dollars in funding to support this effort by providing faculty with an incentive to create more online courses. There will be two meetings held on April 13 and 25 with members of all campuses attending to define a course of action for online education in the UC System. The meeting is invitation only but any interested party may request an invitation. The planning meeting is intended to address UC’s initiative to develop and implement high quality online courses and will include administration, faculty and staff from all campuses. It is anticipated that these meetings will generate a set of key findings, recommendations and next steps for moving forward with online learning for UC students and faculty and is an opportunity for faculty to make their priorities known. The Chair stated that one main concern is how UC will be able to teach more students but still retain the same level of quality. The Riverside Division has responded to the issue of online education by forming a joint Administrative-Senate task force to explore the implementation of online education. Feedback is welcomed by the task force’s co-chairs Steve Brint and Ward Beyermann and can also be sent to J. Wudka.

SPECIAL ORDERS: There were no items on the Consent Calendar and the Reports of Standing Committees were received and placed on file.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: J. Wudka announced there was no report submitted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

I. As Professor Leonard Nunney, Chair of the Committee on Research was unable to attend the meeting, J. Wudka presented and moved the adoption of a proposed change to Bylaw 8.20.1 found on page 25 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

II. Professor Rami Zwick, Chair of the Executive Committee of School of Business Administration presented and moved the proposed changes to the SoBA bylaws found on page 27 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

III. Professor Lynda Bell, Vice-Chair of the Graduate Council presented and moved the proposal for a Computer Engineering BS and Computer Engineering MS five year combined degree program found
on page 36 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

IV. Professor Mindy Marks, Chair of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee presented and moved the proposal to change the Admissions by Exception (A x E) policy. The motion was unanimously adopted. After the motion’s approval, CNAS Associate Dean of Student Affairs Mike McKibben stated that the implementation of the A x E policy does not bode well for transfer students and hoped that college advisors would be involved with the review policy. M. McKibben further contended that it was unfair to admit a transfer student by exception who is not adequately prepared to complete a program within two years. M. McKibben stated his desire to work with the Undergraduate Admissions Committee to further address the inadequacies he felt were present in the policy. M. Marks clarified that the A x E policy is used as a second chance for students who do not meet the requirements for admissions and is used for more groups than athletes such as international students. The Committee made revisions to the guidelines after they examined data of every student admitted through A x E and their success at UCR, which was used to revise the minimum requirements.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m. ATTEST:

P. S. Gorecki, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

Beth Beatty
Recording Secretary