MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 29 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair M. Gauvain presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 12, 2012 were approved as distributed.

One correction to the agenda was noted: Item 10. H. shall be reported by Graduate Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: The Chancellor opened his remarks by announcing that Kathy Barton has been selected to serve as staff advisor to the Regents. This is a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2012. Mike Pazzani’s appointment as Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic development has been approved by the Regents and will be effective July 1, 2012. A national search for Gretchen Bolar’s replacement as Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Operations will take place in the summer and early fall. In the meantime, Chuck Rowley is serving in an interim capacity.

The School of Medicine is making progress toward accreditation. UCR currently has the health science funding in place. This amounts to $10 million per year for 10 years, based on a combination of funds from a variety of sources, all of them non-state. An application for accreditation was submitted in April, a site visit will occur in June, and results should be available sometime in the fall. If the process is successful, the first set of students will be admitted in Fall of 2013.

The Robinson-Edley report regarding the response to campus protests has been publicly posted and comments are sought from faculty, staff, students, and the public at large by June 8th. Chancellor White noted that the report was intended to be a prospective plan for the system. The report contains fifty recommendations surrounding nine themes. In the summer and fall substantive discussions around policy on how to respond to protests will occur based on these guidelines. UCR has a large task force that will hold an open meeting on June 4, 2012 in HUB 355 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm to discuss this report and a set of principles to guide protest response at UCR.

Chancellor White closed by adding a few comments regarding the status of the 2012-13 general funds budget. At a glance the budget looks difficult and uncertain. Even with new funding and a possible six percent increase in tuition, the budget is deficient. UCR will feel the effects of a seven or eight million dollar shortfall along with unfunded mandates, including academic merit increases and increases to both health insurance and pension costs. Overall UCR will experience another tight year. Several decisions must await the results of the November ballot. If the Governor’s tax initiative fails, UCR will see a substantial mid-year cut. The cut to the system overall will be $250 million. If the ballot passes, UCR will neither receive any funds nor expect an
additional cut in funds.

Chancellor White continued by presenting Assistant Professor David Kisailus of Chemical/Environmental Engineering and Professor Dimitrios Morikis of Bioengineering the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement.

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 could be found on page 3 of the full agenda.

For the position of Chair of the Riverside Division, a single nomination was received for Professor Jose Wudka to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014. The Secretary Parliamentarian was instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

For the position of Vice Chair of the Riverside Division, a single nomination was received for Professor Martin Johnson to serve a one-year term beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. The Secretary Parliamentarian was instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominee.

For the position of Representative to the Assembly, the report shows that Professor Bahram Mobasher was elected to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Chair M. Gauvain provided updates concerning the Senate on campus and Systemwide regarding the outstanding issues of rebenching. The president assembled a task force to review the rebenching proposal issued from the Academic Council the previous year and to discuss further methods of equalizing the per student capita payment to each campus as a means of addressing and correcting historical inequities in the allocation of state funds across the campuses in the system. Although the task force agreed with Senate recommendations by concluding that allocations across the campus should be equitable, the Task Force has yet to reach agreement on several other critical issues including enrollment management, penalties for overenrolling non-resident students, weights for different students, aspirational level targets for the campuses for Ph.D. enrollments, and off-the-top items, that is how much money to allocate for such items before distributing the remaining funds to the campuses. Off-the-top expenses include AES and the Observatories, both of which affect our campus’s overall state support. Rebenching is critical to future of university and the Academic Council is alarmed by the slow pace in producing a final Rebenching Task Force report and the Council does not yet know whether this report will be sent out for systemwide review. The Council has sent a letter to President Yudof expressing these concerns. The Chair concluded by stressing that shared governance was and continues to be a critical component of the UC and, specifically of the rebenching process. Council and many systemwide committees, especially UCPB, have played vital roles in this process, and as the university continues to protect itself and advance in these troubled times, shared governance is
more important than ever. The Chair concluded by recognizing and thanking the Senate staff and the faculty who have contributed to the Senate, especially committee chairs, over her two years of service, which concludes in August 2012.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:** The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.

**REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY:** Professor M. Gauvain announced that the minutes of February 15, 2012 meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate could be found on page 164 of the full agenda.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** There were no reports of special committees.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES**

A. Professor Harry Green, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor Anthony Norman, Department of Biochemistry, and Professor Dan Hare, Department of Entomology for this honor. The extensive contributions of these dedicated campus citizens are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 170 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professors Norman and Hare.

B. Professor Jodie Holt, member of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, presented and moved adoption of the nominations of Associate Professor Leonard Mueller, Department of Chemistry, and Associate Professor Morris Maduro, Department of Biology as the recipients of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The Committee’s report can be found on page 171 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professors Mueller and Maduro.

C. Professor David Reznick, former recipient and member of the Faculty Research Lecturer Committee, presented and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor John Fischer, Department of Philosophy as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2011-2012. The Committee’s report can be found on page 172 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professor Fischer.

D. Professor Timothy Close, Chair of the Committee on Charges, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaws 8.7.3.4 & 8.7.4 found on page 173 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Professor Timothy Close, Chair of the Committee on Charges, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes Appendix 5 – Policies on Faculty Conduct and the Administration of Discipline found on
F. Professor Martin Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Appendix 6 to the Bylaws and Regulations of the Riverside Division of the University of California Academic Senate found on page 186 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted after a brief discussion of concerns regarding the differences in the undergraduate and graduate processes laid out within the policy.

G. Professor Umar Mohideen, Chair of the Committee on Planning and Budget, presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaw 8.18.1 found on page 221 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

H. Professor Kenneth Barish, Chair of Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the proposal for a Ph.D. Degree in the Art History found on page 222 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

I. Professor Kevin Esterling, Chair of Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed new Southeast Asian Minor found on page 401 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

J. Professor Kevin Esterling, Chair of Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, presented and moved adoption of the proposed new Middle East and Islamic Studies Major found on page 428 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

K. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the Nano Electrochemical System Laboratory (NESL) located on the third floor of the Bourns College of Engineering: Innovation Economy Corporation which can be found on page 442 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

L. Professor Ameae Walker, Vice Chair and member of the Executive Council, presented and moved adoption of the endorsement of the naming of the newly renovated track facility: UC Riverside Track Facility which can be found on page 451 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

M. Professor Kenneth Barish, Chair of Graduate Council, presented and moved adoption of the proposal for a new five-year Computer-Engineering BS + Computer-Science MS Program found on page 455 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.
ATTEST:

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

Genie Mulari
Recording Secretary