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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 28 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair J. Wudka presided. The meeting was attended by 60 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Interim Chancellor Jane Conoley opened her remarks by announcing that UCR has much to be proud of and celebrate over the next year as UCR has received positive rankings and recognition by numerous national sources.

Interim Chancellor Conoley addressed concerns regarding Campus safety and informed the Division that she has convened a safety taskforce to address the issue. The taskforce hosted an open house to discuss proposals for increased Campus safety and received much feedback from the community. The group is now drafting a final report and is working with Administrators, Deans and Vice Chancellors to implement as many of the submitted proposals as possible. Interim Chancellor Conoley shared that the Campus has already implemented some of the proposals including a shuttle bus service for transporting students off campus, increased street patrols and the addition of more security cameras.

Interim Chancellor Conoley next addressed the budget of both the System and Division. Of the $125 million of funding awarded from the State, UCOP plans to use $67 million to fund the employer contribution to UCRP, which increases next year to 12.6%. Another $10 million of the funding has been allotted for the development of online education. The California State Senate and Assembly Bills calling for $15 million to fund the UCR School of Medicine remain in the legislative budget. The Interim Chancellor shared that the UC System has been involved in a process called Funding Streams and Rebenching, which is an assessment that calculates the amount each campus will pay for the services of the Office of the President and how much each campus will receive for funding of students. UCR’s assessment is likely to be $10 million a year starting in the 2014-2015 Academic Year. The current rebenching process will cover a span of 6 years over which the end result will be that all campuses receive the same amount of state funding for Undergraduate, Ph.D., and health science students. UCR is projected to be a winner with this initiative. The money saved by rebenching will be used to cover fixed costs such as faculty merits and promotions, negotiated retention salaries, and new faculty lines. However, Interim Chancellor Conoley stated that it is important for UCR to find additional funding sources and hopes the Campus will do so through philanthropy appeals, increased corporate and alumni partnerships, endowments, and graduate school enrollment. The Interim Chancellor stated her appreciation of the faculty’s support of campus funding efforts.
The Interim Chancellor then spoke to faculty concerns and stated that UCR has faculty talent but the campus lacks fully developed processes, space, equipment and support to develop the talent to reach its full potential. The Interim Chancellor shared that the next research development target is the implementation of more faculty friendly technology processes and the development of shared equipment centers to enable groups to work together in productive ways. Chancellor Conoley also addressed the need to increase the number of ladder rank faculty at UCR to keep pace with the student population. She informed the Division that Riverside holds the most unfilled faculty FTE in the system and due to the new rebenching models and other funding diversification, the campus can now focus its budget on hiring faculty. Specifically, the campus hopes to add 40 new faculty lines this year in addition to filling vacancies. Chancellor Conoley ended her remarks by stating that our campus needs to focus on hiring, developing, and supporting our faculty.

Interim Chancellor Conoley closed by presenting Assistant Professor Richard Hooley of the Department of Chemistry and Professor Jeanie Lau of the Department of Physics and Astronomy with the Chancellors’ Awards for Fostering 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 P. Gorecki, Secretary- Parliamentarian, announced that the election report was found on page 8 of the full agenda.

For the position of Vice Chair of the Riverside Division, a single nomination was received for Professor Jennifer Hughes to serve a one-year term beginning September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. 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 Ilhem Messaoudi Powers was elected to serve a two-year term beginning September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:** Chair J. Wudka reported on the status of online education at UCR and the two California State Senate Bills that affect the initiative at UCR and all California State institutions of higher education. J. Wudka summarized the Bills and shared that California Senate Bill 547 aims to require all segments of education in California to create online courses that can be transferrable to any State University; and that California Senate Bill 520 requires partnerships with for-profit corporations to create online courses. J. Wudka informed the Division that all campuses of the UC System oppose California Senate Bill 520 and that faculty will soon be receiving an email, which will allow them to voice their position in respect to the Bill. J. Wudka further informed the Division that the UC System launched the Innovative Learning Technology Initiative (ILTI), which is an incentive program to support increased online course development and teaching with the State funded $10 million dedicated to online education. The ILTI announced a request for proposals to develop online or hybrid courses earlier in the year and another request will be announced in the near future. J. Wudka shared that Senate members and all of the Divisions have voiced serious concern in regards
to intellectual property with previous agreements associated with online education courses at the UC System.
In response to this issue, the Provost has reassured faculty that all concerns will be heard. J. Wudka shared
that if UCR faculty have concerns or do not understand a portion of the agreements they should seek
consultation with Campus Counsel, who can provide an explanation of the section in question.

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: Chair J. Wudka announced that the report of the April
10, 2013 meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate could be found on page 151 of the full agenda.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES

I. Professor Giles Waines, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, presented and
moved adoption of the nominations of Professor Eugene Nothnagel, Department of Botany and Plant
Sciences, and Professor Ameae Walker, Department of Biomedical Sciences as the recipients of the
Distinguished Campus Service Award. The extensive contributions of these dedicated campus citizens
are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 152 of the full agenda. The motion was
unanimously adopted by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professors Nothnagel
and Walker.

II. Professor Jodie Holt, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, presented and moved
adoption of the nomination of Associate Professor Gabriela Canalizo, Department of Physics and
Astronomy as the recipient of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The Committee’s report can be
found on page 152 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved by a round of applause.
Congratulations were extended to Professor Canalizo.

III. Professor Brian Federici, Chair of the Faculty Research Lecturer Committee, presented and moved
adoption of the nomination of Distinguished Professor Alexander Raikhel, Department of Entomology
as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2013-2014. The Committee’s report can be
found on page 155 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously approved by a round of applause.
Congratulations were extended to Professor Raikhel.

IV. Professor Edith Allen, member of the Committee on Courses, presented and moved adoption of the
proposed changes to R8 and R8.1 of the Riverside Division Regulation on Fulfillment of Prerequisites
and Course Overlap for Honors Courses and Corresponding Non-honors Courses found on page 158 of
the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

V. Professor Ward Beyermann, Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy, presented and moved
adoption of the proposed change to Appendix 6.4.4 to the Bylaws and Regulations of the Riverside
Division – Academic Integrity Committees found on page 160 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

VI. As Professor Mindy Marks, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions was unable to attend the meeting, J. Wudka presented and moved adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaw 8.23.1 – Membership of the Committee found on page 162 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

VII. Professor Ameae Walker, Chair of the Executive Committee of the School of Medicine, presented and moved adoption of the petition by the School of Medicine (SoM) to use a Pass Fail Grading for SoM medical classes found on page 163 of the full agenda. The motion was unanimously adopted.

New Business

J. Wudka asked Connie Nugent, Chair of Graduate Council to announce the recipients of the Dissertation Advisor and Mentoring Award to this year’s recipients, Distinguished Professor David Funder, Department of Psychology and Professor Eamonn Keogh, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering. The recipients were presented with the award and congratulations were extended to Professors Funder and Keogh.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Beth Beatty
Recording Secretary