

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION**

**MEETING**

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair J. Wudka presided. The meeting was attended by 44 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2016 were approved as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

There were no announcements by the President.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR AT RIVERSIDE**

Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox addressed the Division and reflected on UCR's many accomplishments this year, including the following:

- UCR crossed the 100,000 living alumni mark
- UCR crossed \$100 million mark in federal research support
- UCR received 50,000 freshmen applicants for next academic year
- Three Scholars won Guggenheim fellowships (Professor Laila Lalami, Professor Fred Moten and Professor David Reznick)
- Professor Adriana Craciun was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award
- Two undergraduate students received Fulbright awards
- Professor Laila Lalami was a Pulitzer Prize finalist
- The Women's basketball team went 16-0 in the conference

The Chancellor noted that the challenge we face today is that of growth which is different than the challenges we have had to face in the past. The Chancellor thanked the Senate and looks forward to the year ahead.

The Chancellor then presented Professor Ludwig Bartels (Chemistry) and Professor Katherine Sweeny (Psychology) with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS**

There were no announcements by the Vice Chancellors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

There were no announcements by the Deans.

Chair Wudka called upon the Secretary Parliamentarian to provide the report on election results. The Secretary Parliamentarian informed the Division that the results of the 2016-2017 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on pages 11 - 14 of the meeting agenda.

There were several positions that had no more nominees than vacancies and there were no nominations received from the floor. The Division authorized the Secretary-Parliamentarian to cast a single ballot for all open positions.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chair Wudka advised the Division and noted that addressing the issues of sexual violence and sexual harassment will be a high priority. The President convened a joint committee (Senate and administration) which provided recommendations on this issue. The point was to streamline and optimize our processes to ensure that due process is carried out in a quick, efficient and fair manner. The president received recommendations from the committee but did not think that the recommendations were specific enough for the needs of the system. The Chancellor and the Senate have been instructed to optimize the systems and the Senate will be working with the administration to ensure that the UCR community receives the guarantee of fairness it deserves.

Chair Wudka then read a letter from the newly elected Riverside Division Chair, Dylan Rodriguez, as he was unable to attend today's Division meeting.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

The degree reports and regular reports of standing committees and faculties were received and placed on file.

### **REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY**

Riverside Assembly Representatives Professor Ilhem Messaoudi Powers and Professor Jodi Kim provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meetings on February 10, 2016 and April 13, 2016. These can be found on pages 131-138 of the full agenda. There were no questions from the Division.

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

There were no reports of Special Committees.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES**

Academic Senate Chair Wudka introduced and moved adoption of the nominations of Professor Akula Venkatram, Department of Mechanical Engineering, and Professor Linda Walling, Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, as the recipients of the Distinguished Campus Service Award. The contributions of both nominees are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 139 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Professor Venkatram and Professor Walling were presented with their awards.

Professor Peter Sadler introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Katherine Borkovich, Department of Plant Pathology, and Professor Juliet McMullin, Department of Anthropology, as the recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award. The contributions of Professor Borkovich and Professor McMullin are summarized in the report of the Committee found on pages 140 and 141 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Professor Borkovich was presented with the award. Professor McMullin was unable to attend.

Professor David Lo introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor David Pion-Berlin, Department of Political Science, as the recipient of the Graduate Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award. The contributions of Professor Pion-Berlin are summarized in the

report of the Committee found on page 142 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Professor Pion-Berlin was presented with the award.

Professor Harry Green introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Carl Cranor, Department of Philosophy, as the Faculty Research Lecturer for 2016-2017. The contributions of Professor Cranor are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 1143 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by a round of applause. Congratulations were extended to Professor Cranor.

Professor Stephen Wimpenny, Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed change to Bylaw 8.12.1, found on page 145 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Colleen Macnamara, Chair of the Committee on Preparatory Education, introduced the proposed changes to Bylaw 8.24.1, found on page 146 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Jason Weems, Chair of the CHASS Executive Committee, introduced the proposed change to Bylaw HS4.1, found on page 147 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **PETITIONS OF STUDENTS**

There were no petitions from the students.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE**

UCR Campus Store Manager Stacy Weidner will address the Division at the Fall Division meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Leondra Jacobs  
Recording Secretary