

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

**MEETING**

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair D. Rodriguez presided. The meeting was attended by 75 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2017 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.

Chancellor Wilcox began with acknowledging that a lot has happened in the last year. Although the feedback received last year was hard to take, he appreciated the feedback from the faculty. He noted that UCR is moving ahead in remarkable ways. Chancellor Wilcox noted the town hall webcast is available on the Chancellor's website for those who were unable to attend on November 28th.

Chancellor Wilcox noted that UCR has moved from being the fallback campus to a campus of choice among undergraduate students in California. He also noted that UCR is one of the most tuition-dependent campuses in the UC system. He is working with academic senate colleagues to advocate for UCR with regard to enrollment and state support.

**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 Rodriguez called upon the Secretary Parliamentarian to provide the report on election results. The Secretary Parliamentarian informed the Division that the results of the 2017-2018 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on page 11 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 Rodriguez noted the following:

- The white paper circulated by PEVC Larive titled, "Cluster Hiring Initiative: Status and Future Plans" can be found on the Senate website. Chair Rodriguez encouraged everyone to read this important document, which is intended as a point of departure for ongoing

discussions on the Cluster Hiring model. He also noted that PEVC Larive has requested a Senate review of this document including a formal review by the Senate's Executive Council.

- The Independent Fact-Finding Review for the Board of Regents of the University of California also can be found on the Senate website. The Review provides information “regarding allegations that the University of California Office of the President had interfered with campus responses to surveys distributed by the State Auditor in connection with Audit 2016-130.” The minutes from the Academic Council special meeting regarding this topic also will be placed on the website at the close of the Division meeting. The Systemwide Senate has chosen not to take a concrete position in relation to the investigation other than to say that they assure all Senate members that they are taking the matter very seriously.

Chair Rodriguez then thanked the Senate staff and all Senate Committee Chairs and members.

### **SPECIAL ORDERS**

The Consent calendar was unanimously approved.

The annual reports of standing committees, annual reports of the faculties, 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 Representative Professor Thomas Cogswell provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meeting on June 14, 2017. This report can be found on page 162 of the full agenda. There were no questions from the Division.

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The final report of the Academic Senate Special Committee can be found on page 164 of the full agenda. There were no questions from the Division.

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

Professor Ward Beyermann, Chair of the CNAS Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaws N1.1 to N4.3, found on page 173 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Jan Blacher, Chair of the GSoE Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaws 1.1 to 5.1.1, found on page 183 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Academic Senate Chair Dylan Rodríguez introduced and moved for adoption the proposal to transfer the Public Policy Major from CHASS to SPP, found on page 190 of the full agenda. A brief discussion took place. The motion was approved unanimously.

Academic Senate Chair Dylan Rodríguez introduced and moved for adoption the proposed name change of the School of Business Administration, found on page 252 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**

- A. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) discussion: Chair Rodriguez introduced the following individuals to give the Division an update on DACA: Ana Coria, Program Coordinator, Undocumented Student Programs; Kayleigh Anderson-Natale, Graduate Student Assembly and Ph.D. candidate, GSoE; and Jacquelyn Gonzalez, Associate Director of Governmental & Community Relations.
- DACA is a federal immigration enforcement policy that was established in 2012 by President Obama, allowing some individuals without lawful immigration status who were brought to the U.S. as minors to receive a renewable, two-year permit allowing them to reside, attend higher education institutions and work in the U.S. without fear of deportation. On September 5, 2017, President Donald Trump's administration announced that it would effectively end DACA on March 5, 2018.
- Ana Coria noted the office of Undocumented Student Programs (USP) is here to help the students understand the policies and procedures. She noted that DACA will not affect their financial aid in any way. The CA Dream Act allows undocumented students who meet the AB540 requirements to apply for state financial aid and institutional scholarships. USP encourages students to make an appointment with the attorney on campus at no charge. The counseling center is also available to students. Please see [usp.ucr.edu](http://usp.ucr.edu) for further information.
- Kayleigh Anderson-Natale gave an update on graduate students and noted that most graduate students are financially strained. Fundraising for scholarships and emergency funds are important as well as donating to R'Pantry.
- Jacquelyn Gonzalez gave a brief federal legislative update on DACA. Questions/comments were then taken from the floor.
- B. Wellness Program Coordinator, Julie Chobdee, and Dr. Ann Cheney addressed the Division and delivered a power point presentation on the UCR Healthy Campus Initiative. The UCR Healthy Campus Initiative is a comprehensive approach to elevate health and well-being at UCR. UCR is committed to the health of our faculty, staff, and students and embrace an environment that both supports and encourages the health and well-being of our campus community. There are several ways faculty can get involved. For more information please reference their presentation on the Senate website [senate@ucr.edu](mailto:senate@ucr.edu). Questions/comments were then taken from the floor. A member asked for the annual wellness budget and revenue source. Chobdee noted that the annual budget is \$119,000 and the funding comes from the UC Office of the President.
- C. Barnes & Noble Regional Manager, Denise Nakakihara, addressed the Division and delivered a power point presentation with an update on textbook affordability. A copy of the power point presentation can be found on Senate website [senate@ucr.edu](mailto:senate@ucr.edu).
- D. President of the Graduate Student Association, Shawn Ragan, addressed the Division about the implications of the recent tax bill and the devastating affects it will have on graduate students. The new plan has numerous provisions that will hurt higher education. Most harmful to graduate education is the elimination of 117B in the tax code which exempts tuition and fee remissions as taxable income; that is, tuition and fee remissions that graduate students receive will be treated as taxable income to graduate students. This also will affect recruiting grad students from out of state and those receiving fellowships. Ragan encouraged the faculty to help by lobbying Congress (both the house and the Senate) to remove these provisions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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Recording Secretary