

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

MEETING

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 1:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair D. Rodríguez presided. The meeting was attended by 55 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019 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 his remarks by thanking those who attended the Town Hall on the UC Presidential search. He then noted that the campus is conducting the search for the new Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and that airport interviews will be taking place the week of March 2nd and campus interviews will take place in April.

Chancellor Wilcox acknowledged the Standardized Testing Task Force and recommended that everyone read the report that was generated from the Task Force.

Chancellor Wilcox noted that the graduate students have drafted the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and it is currently under review by the Academic Senate Graduate Council.

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 Rodríguez called upon the Secretary Parliamentarian to provide the report on election results. The Secretary Parliamentarian informed the Division that the results of the 2019-2020 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on page 8 of the meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chair Rodríguez acknowledged that the UC System is in the midst of an acute nationally prominent labor antagonism that is centered at UC Santa Cruz in which their graduate students began a grade strike in December, calling on the administration to respond to the cost of living crisis in Santa Cruz including housing insecurity, food insecurity and the turmoil it's causing the graduate students. A teaching strike began on February 10, 2020. A proactive and creative solution needs to be made as soon as possible. He then noted that the UC Academic Council wrote a memo to the UC President on February 19, 2020 acknowledging where the UC Academic Senate stands on this issue and read the memo the Division.

Chair Rodríguez noted that he has received a missive from UCR4COLA (cost of living adjustment) and several graduate students are present today at this meeting.

Chair Rodríguez then noted that UC Santa Barbara graduate students voted yesterday and will begin a full strike on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Chair Rodríguez then noted that the Committee on Memorials and Resolutions is actively updating its in-memoriam acknowledgements which there is currently a back log. He then acknowledged the those listed in the agenda along with the most recent who have been added to the in-memoriam: Professor Anthony Norman and Professor Dimitrios Morikis.

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

There were no reports of the Representative to the Assembly

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were no reports of special committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES

Professor Jean Helwege, member of the Executive Committee of the School of Business, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Interdepartmental Graduate Program Leading to the Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSiBA), found on page 65 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

Defending, Growing, and Supporting Graduate Studies at UC Riverside discussion. The UCR campus boasts some of the most innovative and distinguished graduate programs in the UC system. Yet, there is persistent and growing concern that the campus budget model, research and teaching infrastructure, and plans for future growth do not adequately prioritize the institution's research and diversity mission *in the area of graduate studies, and Ph.D./MFA programs in particular*. How will UCR fulfill its obligation to train the next generations of the research professoriate over the next ten, twenty, or thirty years? What institutional changes and transformations will be required if the graduate student population is to grow in appropriate proportion to the undergraduate population? Most importantly, how can UCR build a powerful, if not unique research profile through its terminal graduate degree programs over the next period? A panel of five faculty colleagues (Professor Hyle Park, Professor Kevin Esterling, Professor Jason Stajich, Professor Anusha Kedhar and Professor Christiane Weirauch) facilitated the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

K. Esterling, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

Leondra Jacobs
Recording Secretary