

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, November 27 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair J. Wudka presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of May 29, 2012 were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor White began by commending the faculty and staff who encouraged students to vote. Over 6,000 students who were not previously registered to vote registered in Riverside County for the general presidential election. This helped pass Proposition 30, which will help stop the financial “hemorrhaging” of the university. On the same elections voters chose four of the new elected officials who are UCR alums, including Jose Medina from Assembly District 61, Richard Roth from Senate District 31, Mark Takano for the 41st Congressional District, and Raul Ruiz for the 36th Congressional District.

Chancellor White proceeded to report on the official launching of the UCR fundraising campaign. Last year the annual giving total went up to around \$36.3 million including about \$30 million in cash receipts, an all-time high in fundraising. Unrestricted annual giving increased 9% from the previous year. For the first time ever there was significant participation by the senior class resulting in a significant gift. A little fewer than 1,500 students gathered \$25,000 aimed at supporting veteran students. Chancellor White believes that the students are beginning to understand the culture of the campus and hopes to see an increase in alumni contribution in the near future.

Chancellor White provided an update on the current Executive Leadership searches. Four finalists for the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Operations position will be on campus in the next two weeks to replace Charles Rowley, the current interim Vice Chancellor. There will also be four candidates coming on campus for the position of University Librarian. The search committee for the position of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations is being formed. Chancellor White acknowledged Jane Close Conoley as the interim Chancellor for UC Riverside and asks the faculty to welcome her as well as help her with her endeavors.

Chancellor White concluded his announcements by thanking the faculty for the time that they have had together with the Academic Senate and the notion of “shared leadership.” He noted several achievements that everyone should recognize including the campus’ plan of strategic intent through the UCR 2020 document. The accreditation of the School of Medicine and the fifty students that will be accepted in Fall 2013. The School of Public Policy was launched. Lastly, the campus should be proud of the efforts to put a good word out to the world through the press such as the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune.

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. S. Gorecki, Secretary-Parliamentarian, announced that the election report was found on page 6 of the full agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR: J. Wudka began by discussing a few issues that have been taking place on the campus. He noted the CNAS reorganization process for which three committees were assembled to draft recommendations which are due at the beginning of January.

Systemwide administration is pushing to change the method of charging benefits to units by using composite benefit rates. The new rates will not affect personal benefits, but the new method has the potential to affect the unit budgets and charges to extramural grants.

Keith Williams will visit the University of California, Riverside on December 5th, 2012 to discuss the UC Online project.

There will be a trial program for the negotiated salary plan enacted on three campuses that will allow faculty to add to their salary using grant money. The negotiated salary plan was proposed as an addition to APM 668. Only faculty in good standing can receive an increase salary of up to 30% of his or her base salary. Although this proposal was strongly opposed by the Senate, the Office of the President decided to test it at UCLA, UCSD, and UCI. However, UCI is apparently no longer going forward while UCLA is considering backing out. UCSD will complete the pilot program.

SPECIAL ORDERS: The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent and the Reports of Standing Committees were received and placed on file.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF FACULTIES: The Annual Reports of Faculties were received and placed on file.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY: Jose Wudka announced there was no report submitted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES: No business could be conducted as quorum was not attained. The reports have been tabled for the February division meeting.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. ATTEST:

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

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