

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

MEETING

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 2:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair J. Wudka presided. The meeting was attended by 57 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2015 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 noted that the Dean searches for both CHASS and CNAS are underway. Airport interviews for the searches are taking place and 4 potential candidates for each college will be brought to campus on June 2, 3, 5 and 11.

The Chancellor updated the Division on the state budget. President Napolitano and Governor Jerry Brown have reached an agreement that provides UC with significant new revenue. The agreement provides for:

- A 4% base budget increase for each of the next four years.
- A one-time infusion of \$436 million over three years for UC's pension fund. Historically the State has contributed to the UC pension fund, as it continues to do for Cal State. However, several years ago, the state government stopped funding the pension. Despite recent requests, the State declined to provide funding for the pension fund until this new budget agreement. UC now will be able to buy down some of the System's debt in the retirement fund, which will free up the funds that the University has been contributing. The President's agreement allows for the UC System to start another retirement tier. New hires will now be given the option of a defined benefit plan or a defined contribution plan.
- Included in the budget discussion is money for UCR to pilot an activities based costing system on behalf of the entire system.

Unrelated to the state budget, the Chancellor informed the Division that the President is in discussions about giving additional funds to UCR for an advising pilot program for the System. Additionally, the Provost intends to add advisors to UCR's cohort and rethink advising across the campus. The Chancellor shared that the implementation of the student information system is almost complete.

Chancellor Wilcox reminded the Division that the summary discussion on Organizational Excellence will take place on May 26, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in HUB 302.

The Chancellor then accepted questions from the floor. A member asked if the Committee of Two (CO2) consisting of President Napolitano and Governor Jerry Brown, has concluded and if the Committee contributed to the budget deal. The Chancellor replied that the CO2 had wide ranging conversations that included consultation with experts in several different areas,

including the future of research universities and undergraduate success in the 21st century. The CO2 was an opportunity for the President and the governor to try and find common ground intellectually. The Chancellor informed the Division that the CO2 has completed meetings and that there will be no formal report.

Another member asked about the status of the new interdisciplinary research building. The Chancellor informed the Division that he is working with capital systems to plan for the building and have included plans for an additional interdisciplinary research building. The plan is for one of the buildings to be built in the land on the other side of Materials Science & Engineering. The Chancellor shared that it is also his intent to build a new plant facility in the agricultural operations area, which would consist of a combination of green houses and research space that will allow UCR to rethink the current structure of greenhouses on the academic core of campus that will leave room to build a second interdisciplinary building.

The Chancellor then presented Professor Eugene Nothnagel (Botany and Plant Sciences) and Professor Joel Sachs (Biology) with the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement. The Chancellor commented that, while UCR is considered one of the best research universities in the world, it is often overlooked. The Chancellor shared that more than half of UCR's undergraduate students are involved in faculty-led research, and praised the faculty for their continued leadership in this area.

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 2015-2016 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on pages 10 - 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 of the following items that resulted from the budget process:

- A strong suggestion that UCR as a campus, and all other UC campuses, re-examine all majors in an attempt to reduce the number of required units. The Chair shared that UCLA went through this process several years ago.
- The Governor required that the UC institute an expedited 3-year degree program on all campuses. The Governor expects that five percent of UC students will be enrolled in a 3-year degree program in the near future. Chair Wudka noted that UCR will not reduce the number of units for graduation, but instead will use enrollment in summer sessions for three years as the fourth year for students.
- Requirement for the UC System to enhance online education courses.

Chair Wudka informed the Division that Academic Senate Executive Director Cindy Palmer will be leaving the campus to join one of UCR's sister campuses. Chair Wudka took the opportunity

to thank Cindy for her friendship, expertise, professionalism and all of the help she has given the campus. The Chair shared that the Senate Executive Director position has been posted with the hope that interviews will be held before the end of the academic year.

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 Representative Professor Ilhem Messaoudi Powers provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meetings on February 11, 2015 and April 15, 2015. These can be found on page 162 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

Professor Carl Cranor introduced and moved adoption of the nominations of Distinguished Professor John Fischer, Department of Philosophy, and Professor Michael Allen, Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology, as the recipients of the Distinguished Campus Service Award. The contributions of both nominees are summarized in the report of the Committee found on pages 164 and 165 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Professors Fischer and Allen were presented with their awards.

Professor Peter Sadler introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Distinguished Professor Carl Cranor, Department of Philosophy, as the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award. The contributions of Professor Cranor are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 166 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Professor Cranor was presented with the award.

Professor David Lo introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Vyjayanthi Chari, Department of Mathematics, as the recipient of the Graduate Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award. The contributions of Professor Chari are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 167 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. Professor Chari was unable to attend the meeting.

Professor Chandra Varma introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Xuemei Chen, Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, as the Faculty Research Lecturer for 2015-2016. The contributions of Professor Chen are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 168 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. Professor Chen was unable to attend the meeting.

Professor Robert Clare introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed change to Bylaw 8.8.2.1, found on page 170 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Ken Baerenklau introduced the proposed changes to Regulation R6.13 & R6.14, found on page 172 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Jose Wudka introduced the proposed change to Bylaw 8.24.1, found on page 173 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Jennifer Najera introduced the proposed new B.S. in Sustainability Studies, found on page 174 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

There were no items relating to university and faculty welfare.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Leondra Jacobs
Recording Secretary