

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

**MEETING**

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 1:10 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair D. Rodríguez presided. The meeting was attended by 88 members of the Riverside Division.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 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.

The Chancellor talked about the leadership transition that will be taking place over the summer. Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Cynthia Larive, has accepted the position of Chancellor at University of California, Santa Cruz and will be leaving UCR. The Chancellor asked for nominations from the campus for an interim PEVC and these are due by end of May. This position will have a start date of July 1, 2019. Interviews for this position will take place in mid-June. The Chancellor noted that the national search for a permanent PEVC will take place in the fall.

Chancellor Wilcox discussed the strategic planning process that will take place to follow up on the 2020 plan. PEVC Larive has been the lead on this process, putting together working groups and committees. This process will slow down with her departure but will enable more thought process through the summer.

Chancellor Wilcox discussed campus culture. A complete assessment of the workplace environment has been done on the Student Affairs office. Two surveys have been completed with the student affairs staff and has reset several parameters within the division. A focus follow-up has been completed with Human Resources. The report is online, and the link will be forwarded to the Senate. Several compliance investments have also been made. A campus culture taskforce has been created and is being co-chaired by Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, Mariam Lam and Dean of Bourns College of Engineering, Christopher Lynch. The Chancellor has asked this group to formulate and have recommendations by the end of the calendar year.

Chancellor Wilcox thanked leadership for brining today's theme on Research to the Division.

The Chancellor then presented Professor Wenwan Zhong, Department of Chemistry, with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS**

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Cindy Larive thanked the Riverside Division and gave a farewell speech.

## **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 pages 10-13 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 Rodríguez addressed the Division and thanked the Senate staff and the Senate committee chairs and members.

Chair Rodríguez noted that the General Education Review Committee had its first kick off meeting last Friday and acknowledged Professor Bob Clare, who will be chairing this committee.

## **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 Manuela Martins Green provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meeting on April 10, 2019. This can be found on page 134 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 Linda Walling introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Distinguished Professor Georgia Warnke, Department of Political Science and Distinguished Professor Ashok Mulchandani, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering as the recipients of the Distinguished Campus Service Award. The contributions of Distinguished Professors Warnke and Mulchandani are summarized in the report of the Committee found on pages 137 and 139 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Distinguished Professors Warnke and Mulchandani were presented with the award.

Professor Yenna Wu introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Associate Professor Thomas Sy, Department of Psychology, as the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award. The contributions of Professor Sy are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 141 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and Professor Sy was presented with the award.

Professor Jason Stajich introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Professor Amit Roy Chowdhury, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, as the recipient of the Graduate Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award. The motion was approved unanimously.

Academic Senate Chair Rodríguez introduced and moved adoption of the nomination of Distinguished Professor Bir Bhanu, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, as the Faculty Research Lecturer for 2019-2020. The contributions of Professor Bhanu are summarized in the report of the Committee found on page 142 of the full agenda. A round of applause approved the motion unanimously. Congratulations were extended to Professor Bhanu.

Academic Senate Chair Rodríguez introduced the UC San Francisco Academic Senate Memorial to the Regents on Fossil Fuel Divestment, which would petition the Regents to divest the University's endowment portfolio of all investments in the 200 publicly traded fossil fuel companies with the largest carbon reserves. The Division voted to approve to move the memorial forward. The results of the vote will be forwarded to the Chair of the Assembly and the Chairs of the other Divisions.

Professor Jason Stajich, Chair of the Graduate Council, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to GR1.2 Standards of Scholarship and Disqualification, found on page 153 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Johannes Endres, Chair of the CHASS Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption the proposal for a medical and Health Humanities Minor, found on page 156 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Louis Santiago, Chair of the CNAS Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed change to Specify Cooperative Extension Specialist as Eligible to Attend Meetings of the CNAS Faculty, found on page 384 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**

Chair Rodríguez introduced the special theme for today's meeting: UCR and the "Research Mission:" The Future of Ph.D. Training and Faculty Scholarship on Our Campus Discussion: As the UCR campus undertakes a new strategic planning process and the Academic Senate initiates a potentially transformative review of its general education curriculum, it is an urgent time to raise questions about UCR's identity as a "tier one" public research institution. How will UCR fulfill our mission to train new generations of researchers and academic colleagues in the coming years? How can UCR's Ph.D. programs grow *and sustain* capacity, scholarly distinction, and top-tier quality under challenging and materially restrictive institutional circumstances? How will UCR attract, retain, materially sustain, and intellectually nourish its faculty in a manner that resonates the University of California research mission?

Chair Rodríguez introduced the following individuals for discussion: Anthony Jerry, Principal Investigator of Blackness Unbound: Critical Black Diaspora Studies Working Group (Assistant Professor, Anthropology); Imani Kai Johnson, (Assistant Professor, Critical Dance Studies); Hyle Park, Vice Chair of Graduate Council and Division Representative to CCGA (Associate Professor, Bioengineering); Shawn Ragan, President of Graduate Student Association (Ph.D. student, History); Jason E Stajich, Chair of Graduate Council (Professor, Microbiology and Plant

Pathology) and Sandra Turner, (Assistant Professor, Paleoclimate/Paleoceanography, Earth Sciences).

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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Recording Secretary