

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

MEETING

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:17 p.m. in the Genomics Auditorium Room 1102A. Chair D. Rodriguez presided. The meeting was attended by 66 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 29, 2018 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 noting that UCR has had a great quarter. UCR was ranked the 15th best public university in the country (Washington Monthly) and has 11 of the most highly cited faculty members.

Chancellor Wilcox then discussed the Strategic Plan: UCR 2020. The next step is to think about the next plan. There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018. There is need to focus on implementation and expanding the staff's role in the next plan. One of the goals of the 2020 plan was to achieve the profile of an AAU University (the AAU has published their criteria for inclusion within the last few years). UCR has achieved the profile of an AAU University, with our metrics comparing favorably to the bottom 6-8 universities in the AAU. The next step is to ask ourselves, what do we want UCR to look like in 20-30 years from now? Economic development will be a very important part of the next plan.

Chancellor Wilcox appreciates the Senate leadership for bringing the topic of basic needs to the Division. He shared the dollar amounts allocated to basic needs over the last few years: 15-16 \$85,000, 16-17 \$181,000, 17-18 \$431,000 and 18-19 \$500,000. These are one-time dollars allocated from on and off campus, from the Office of the President, from the State and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. The question is how to use the dollars and how to find permanent sources of funding. One way is to look at Sustainability – solar panels will be installed on some residence halls which will initially cost money but will generate money in the future.

A member asked why there was a six-fold increase in spending on basic needs over the last five or so years. Chancellor Wilcox noted that this is from a growing awareness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS

There were no announcements by the Vice Chancellors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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 2018-2019

recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on page 9 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.

Dean Kathryn Uhrich decided to forgo her time on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chair Rodriguez informed the Division that UCR is in the process of forming the Academic Senate General Education Review Committee (Gen Ed Com). This committee will convene 14-16 UCR Senate faculty members from across all Colleges and Schools that administer undergraduate degree majors, including at least two Lecturers with Potential Security of Employment or Lecturers with Security of Employment (LPSOE's/LSOE's), a current or former Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), and one additional current member or former Chair of CEP. The Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education (VPDUE), Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion, and Faculty Director of University Honors will serve as voting *ex-officio* members. The Gen Ed Com will develop a process and method to substantially engage undergraduate and graduate students, Academic Advisors, and other campus constituencies in the fulfillment of its charge. The overall committee composition (17-19 members) should reflect UCR's intellectual and demographic diversity, the distribution of undergraduate student majors across disciplines/schools/colleges, and (if possible) a background of scholarly engagement in curricular and pedagogical matters that are relevant to a review of general education.

UCR has not completed a full review of its general education curriculum in about 40 years. The Gen Ed Com must conduct a rigorous critical examination of the existing general education curriculum to contextualize its vision and plan for revision/transformation. A revamped general education curriculum should engage the pedagogical and ethical obligations of a 21st century public research university with a large, growing population of students and faculty whose profiles traverse socioeconomic class, gendered and racialized social identities, linguistic fluencies, sexualities, citizenship status, disabilities, religion, age, and other social-cultural categories. The full charge of the committee can be found on the Senate website <https://senate.ucr.edu/>.

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 13, 2018. This report can be found on page 201 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 Bruce Babcock, member of the SPP Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Regulations, found on page 202 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Bruce Babcock, member of the SPP Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaws PP1.2, PP4.1 and PP4.1.6., found on page 219 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. University Librarian Steven Mandeville-Gamble addressed the Division and gave an update on the Elsevier dispute & negotiations. The UC libraries' Elsevier journals contract will expire on December 31, 2018 and negotiations are unlikely to conclude by then. Elsevier is charging the UC Libraries in the high 7/low 8 figure range a year in subscription fees for all UC campuses and charging faculty about \$1 million in open access fees on top of what the libraries are paying for subscriptions. Elsevier wants to negotiate commercial deal first, then negotiate open access. If commercial deal is done on Elsevier's terms, open access is gone. Several countries in Europe have walked away from their Elsevier contracts over the past 18 months. After more than a year delay, Elsevier has pulled the plug on Germany and Sweden in earlier negotiations about price & access. Effects not as dramatic as feared (only 5% more faculty demand for E sources). University Librarians are negotiating no double dipping (i.e. charge libraries not the faculty) or if they're going to charge both, reduce the library fees. The goals for the new contract are to reduce UC's expenditure and to implement a UC-designed open access model. As a public institution sustained by taxpayer and extramural funding, UC has an obligation to facilitate the broadest possible access to UC-generated work and not to fund for-profit companies with 40% profit margins. UC is well positioned to help bring about this much-needed change. UC accounts for 10% of all US Research output and UC affiliates occupy more than 1,600 Elsevier advisory and/or editorial board positions.
- B. Sustainability, Basic Needs & Food Insecurity (continued) discussion. Basic needs are what's needed to survive and thrive and include: food, transportation, housing, health/wellness, accessibility and finance/budget. To not have your basic needs covered, or even have the ability to access them, is considered an insecurity. 63% of UCR students are food insecure. The higher the food insecurity, the lower the cumulative GPA. Basic needs funding to date has been equal but not equitable. This inequity has continued since UCOP launched the GFI Basic Needs program launched in 2015. It has had cumulative effects on what different campuses have been able to achieve. Also need to recognize that campuses were at very different places in 2015: UCLA and UCSC had functioning food pantries in place (UCLA had a café) whereas UCR and others had very little basic needs infrastructure in place. While the amount of UCOP funding per low income student has been comparable between UCR, UCI and UCD, there are striking differences in local campus funding. Both UCI and UCD have two full-time staff people specifically dealing with basic needs. UCR has none. (UCR has one incredibly wonderful, temporary R'Pantry coordinator.)

Some possible sources of future funding:

UC Regents voted at their last meeting to establish a Regents Basic Needs subcommittee, including the student regents, in view of creating sustainable solutions on the systemwide level. UCR needs representation on that subcommittee. Any of you with connections to the Regents, please help us ensure that happens. The student regents are from campuses with proportionally lower food insecurity and may not be sensitive to issues of inter-campus inequity and the consequences of continuing inequity over the past four years. Second, UCOP has issued a call for proposals for a \$3.3m one-time allocation to address housing insecurity. VC Bomotti, Karen McComb (Student Affairs) and Andy Plumley (Housing) are developing UCR's proposal, which includes a temporary full-time Basic Needs manager. The proposal uses most of the allocation to install solar on campus, with the idea that the energy savings would be divided between basic needs FTE and housing residents, over 10-20 years. Discussions are still underway as to whether the savings would be sufficient to cover those needs, and how to divide up that funding stream. The UCR Blum Initiative has contributed toward basic needs student service learning (Crystal fellowship) and we hope to expand that partnership. External fundraising is always on the horizon. We need a Basic needs FTE in order to be able to effectively pursue large fundraising opportunities. Lack of sustainable funding makes it difficult to: build and sustain infrastructure, transition from food insecurity to other basic needs priorities, coordinate continuous evaluation and needs assessment and maintain current levels of service.

UCR was one of the first UCs to make dining options accessible to EBT (Cal Fresh.) Enrolling eligible students (estimated around 13,000) in Cal Fresh and offering EBT food options on campus is the single most powerful thing we can do to alleviate food insecurity on campus. Dining Services provide: Consultation (expertise), Equipment donation, Food recovery and Change for Change, SWIPES, \$.50.

Experiential and service learning: Basic needs are not just an issue of food and housing. They also open many opportunities for experiential and service learning. The Blum Initiative is sponsoring service learning oriented toward basic needs and poverty at UCR. Blum Initiative/ GFI Fellow Crystal Brachetti is running programming at the R'Garden and developing online modules for a course on food production and sustainability. 2017-2018 GFI Undergraduate Fellow Audrey Lim taught two sections of an R'course on "Food Security and Food Justice" in Winter and Spring 2018. Students learned about food security and justice issues on and off campus. The course culminated in a poster presentation of student-driven solutions to be implemented at UCR.

Questions/comments were then taken from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Leondra Jacobs
Recording Secretary