

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

**MEETING**

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 1:01 p.m. via Zoom. Chair J. Stajich presided. The meeting was attended by 66 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate. Chair Stajich outlined Zoom protocol to ensure that attendees could participate during the meeting.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2020 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 thanked faculty for their responses to the faculty climate survey and indicated that the administration is developing a response. Thereafter, the Chancellor presented slides on COVID-19 impacts on UCR's budget. Given the impact of COVID-19, revenues and expenditures have diverged dramatically.

Chancellor Wilcox concluded his presentation by thanking Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Tom Smith for his strong leadership over the past nearly two years, as well as for his leadership in the Graduate School of Education.

The Chancellor asked for questions from the group. There was significant discussion regarding proposed curtailment plans, including the impacts of curtailment days on faculty. There was also discussion about the difference between curtailment during the winter break closure and the UC Office of the President (UCOP) proposal for curtailment days.

Chancellor Wilcox explained that UCOP has provided guidance on curtailment days, yet each campus is approaching curtailment differently. UCR has not made a final decision regarding curtailment days in 2021. Information regarding any additional curtailment days will be made available in early 2021. Additionally, the Chancellor shared that the UCOP proposal for curtailment days is intended to be progressive, meaning that those with a higher salary would be impacted more than those with a lower salary.

Finally, there was discussion about the funding that UCR receives from the state, as compared to other UC campuses that receive more funding. The Chancellor shared that this issue is an ongoing conversation with UCOP, the Board of Regents, and legislators. UCR continues to communicate to these entities the strong impact the campus makes in regard to educating Californians.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS**

There were no announcements by the Vice Chancellors.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Chair Stajich called upon the Secretary Parliamentarian to provide the report on election results. The Secretary Parliamentarian informed the Division that the results of the 2020-2021 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.

The results of the 2020-21 recent elections are reported on page 9 of the agenda.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chair Stajich acknowledged the challenges that the campus community is faced with, in light of COVID-19. He thanked faculty for moving swiftly to remote instruction and also thanked lecturers, teaching assistants, and staff for assisting with this transition.

Chair Stajich shared that the UCR budget is a pressing issue that the Academic Senate will continue to address with the administration. Furthermore, Chair Stajich expressed his desire for the Academic Senate to be an avenue for faculty members to comment and weigh in on the budget situation.

Chair Stajich highlighted different areas where the Senate has worked to address COVID-19 impacts, including extending deadlines for students to drop courses and change courses to S/NC. He also acknowledged the work of Professor Amanda Lucia, Graduate Council Chair, and Professor Stefano Vidussi, Chair of Educational Policy, as well as student advisors, for their hard work and support in this process.

Chair Stajich also highlighted the current the review of General Education and teaching evaluations, respectively, by Senate ad hoc committees.

Chair Stajich addressed the faculty climate survey, which Chancellor Wilcox addressed in his presentation, and discussed the need to make improvements.

There were no questions/comments from the floor.

### **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 Isgouhi Kaloshian provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meeting on June 10, 2020. This report can be found on page 168 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**

Senate Chair Stajich introduced and moved for adoption the nomination of Professor John Baez, Department of Mathematics, and Professor Mary Droser, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, as the recipients of the 2019-2020 Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award. The contributions of Professor Baez and Professor Droser are summarized on page 171 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Senate Chair Stajich introduced and moved for adoption of the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions proposed changes to the Guidelines for Admission by Exception (AxE), found on page 172 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Philip Brisk, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee of the Bourns College of Engineering, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Robotics, found on page 183 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Richard Carpiano, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposal for a combined Public Policy B.A. and M.P.P. five-year program, found on page 238 of the full agenda. The majority of voting members approved the motion with one not in favor.

#### **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 regarding university and faculty welfare.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

F. Xu, Secretary-Parliamentarian  
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

Rosana Franco  
Recording Secretary