

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

**MEETING**

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 1:06 p.m. via Zoom. Chair Sang-Hee Lee presided. The meeting was attended by 143 members at the outset of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate. Chair Lee outlined Zoom protocol to ensure that attendees could participate during the meeting.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 06, 2022 were unanimously approved as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Michael V. Drake was unable to attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR AT RIVERSIDE**

Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox addressed the Division.

Chancellor Willcox discussed the importance of making the best decisions possible given the issues concerning the funding of the new union contract. The Chancellor thanked the Senate members for their efforts in managing the changes related to UCR graduate programs and new union. There were no questions/comments from the floor.

**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 or other Executive Officers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Chair Lee echoed the gratitude expressed by the Chancellor to the members of the Senate. Chair Lee reminded members of the continued COVID situation and reiterated the importance of working with students to navigate policies associated with changing conditions in public health. The Chair called attention to the Systemwide Senate website (<https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/>), urging Senate members to discuss issues relevant to the University of California Office of the President and encouraging members to engage with Division representatives on such matters.

Chair Lee discussed notable changes to Undergraduate Education, clarifying the new residential requirement for bachelor's degrees, requiring at least 6 units to be taken in person, and addressing the new challenges presented by the implementation of online degree programs and Artificial Intelligence programs such as "Chat GPT." The Chair then thanked the Committee on Educational Policy, and expressed excitement to work with the new Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, Louie Rodriguez. Chair Lee welcomed new and challenging opportunities for the Administration and the future of Graduate programs in the Riverside Division and thanked the Graduate Council. Chair Lee also thanked Division Vice Chair McCole, the

Committee on Planning and Budget, and Vice Chancellor Bomotti for their guidance and efforts in administering the Oracle and Impact 23 initiative.

Chair Lee further requested Senate engagement in the planning and designing stages of the OASIS and Undergraduate Teaching and Learning Facility building projects. She then reminded members of upcoming committee elections and requested members' consideration of desired appointments for the 2023-2024 service year. She expressed gratitude to the chairs and members of Physical Resources Planning, Faculty Welfare, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and Committee on Committees for their continued collaboration and efforts in these matters.

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 David Biggs, provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meeting on December 8, 2022. This report can be found on page 45 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 John Kim, Chair of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Executive Committee introduced and moved for adoption of the proposal for a Department of Society, Environment, and Health Equity (SEHE) found on page 47 of the full agenda. After a lengthy discussion weighing benefits and drawbacks, the proposal was put to a vote. With one hundred and thirty-two votes in favor and forty-two votes in opposition, the motion was approved.

Professor Marcus Kaul, Chair of the School of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposal for a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, found on page 335 of the full agenda. Following a brief discussion, the motion was put to a vote. With one hundred and forty-four votes in favor and two votes in opposition, the motion was approved.

### **PETITIONS OF STUDENTS**

There were no petitions from the students.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE**

There were no issues related to University and Faculty Welfare.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Moriah Joyner  
Recording Secretary