MEETING
The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 1:02 p.m. via Zoom. Chair Sang-Hee Lee presided. The meeting was attended by 83 members 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 May 24, 2022 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 mentioned that Governor Newsom and UC President Drake signed a multi-year compact to provide 5% budget increases each year, based upon continuing enrollment growth. The campus will further benefit from modest cohort-based tuition increases and the new rebenching formula.

UC campus FTEs are down following the pandemic, including at Riverside, due to lower student credit hours. Additionally, the Board of Regents approved a 4.6% salary increase next fiscal year for policy-covered staff and faculty. The state funds 45% of UCR’s core operating budget, and 45% is tuition-funded.

As it pertains to the current system-wide labor strike, Chancellor Wilcox stressed that it is every worker’s right to determine what is right for themselves. Chancellor Wilcox hopes the strike does not last much longer.

There was a question from the floor regarding potential salary increases for postdoctoral scholars and graduate students. Chancellor Wilcox deferred to Provost Elizabeth Watkins to address this question. Provost Watkins indicated she did not have hard numbers available with her and that the dust would have to settle with respect to the strike negotiations before she could see what potential salary increases would look like for postdoctoral scholars and graduate students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS
There were no announcements by the Vice Chancellors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Chair Lee called upon the Secretary Parliamentarian, Steven Axelrod, to provide the report on election results. Secretary Parliamentarian Axelrod informed the Division that the results of the 2022-2023 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on pages 8 and 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR
Chair Lee discussed the Impact 23 initiative. In light of UCOP’s mandate for all campuses to convert their accounting systems to Oracle by July 1, 2023, and considering the negative experiences reported by UC San Diego and UC Merced due to this conversion, Chair Lee mentioned it is a high priority for the Senate to ensure that Oracle implementation proceeds in a smooth manner here at UCR.

Vice Chair Declan F. McCole indicated he serves on an Impact 23 Faculty Advisory Committee, along with the Committee on Planning and Budget (P&B) Chair, Peter W. Atkinson. Vice Chair McCole stated that various faculty members might be selected to participate in testing the functionality of accounting systems that have converted to Oracle.

Chair Lee concluded her announcements by mentioning that the Academic Personnel Office (APO) will be considering how to properly account for the strike’s impact on faculty research, advancement, and promotion.

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 Peter Chung, provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meeting on June 8, 2022. This report can be found on page 110 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 Aerika Loyd, Chair of the Committee on Courses, introduced and moved for adoption of the Committee on Courses’ proposed new General Policies Governing Courses of Instruction, found on page 112 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Melissa Wilcox, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposal to rename the Department of Religious Studies to the Department for the Study of Religion, found on page 164 of the full agenda. The motion was approved with one vote in opposition.

Professor Scott Pegan, Vice Chair of the School of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaw ME 05.04 and ME 05.04.01, found on page 175 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.
Professor Christiane Weirauch, Chair of the Graduate Council, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Graduate Council Bylaws 6.3 and 6.5, found on page 179 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 issues related to University and Faculty Welfare.

NEW BUSINESS
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

John Leary
Recording Secretary