MEETING:
The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 1:04pm in Genomics Building, Room 1102A. Chair Sang-Hee Lee presided. The meeting was attended by 107 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES:
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2024, were approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT:
There were no announcements by the President as he was unable to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR AT RIVERSIDE:
Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox addressed the Division.

The Chancellor presented Associate Professor Qixuan Wang, Department of Mathematics, and Professor Keunpyo Root Park, Department of Theatre, Film and Digital Production, with the Chancellor’s award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement. The Chancellor acknowledged the achievements of Professor Wang and Professor Park, congratulated them on their work, and presented them with their awards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS:
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor (PEVC) Elizabeth Watkins addressed the Division.

Provost Watkins provided an update on UCR’s 2030 strategic planning website. PEVC Watkins encouraged all members to visit https://strategicplan.ucr.edu to view progress on all initiatives as well as updates on unit strategic plans. Attention was drawn to the infancy of the plan, the foundational work being done to set the stage for improvement, and the candidness of leaders on what they have and have not been able to accomplish. PEVC Watkins also made members aware of the newly added initiative to increase diversity of faculty under strategic goal #2. PEVC Watkins further discussed progress on some of the initiatives within the 3 campus-wide goals:

Goal #1: Build Financial Stability, Resiliency, and Sustainability

As compared to the previous year, domestic nonresident first year statement of intents to register (SIRs) increased by 16%, international SIRs decreased by 22%, and summer session enrollment is also increasing. Summer FTE help to increase overall undergraduate FTE. The proposed decrease in the governor’s revised budget for the University of California may result in a decrease in the allocation to UCR. UCOP has delayed implementation of a new allocation methodology to the campuses because of all the uncertainty around the state allocation. Fundraising is improving compared to last year with an 8% increase. University Advancement anticipates another $3.9 million to come by the end of the fiscal year for a projected increase of almost 19%. Lastly in financial stability, research expenditures have increased by almost 8%
from FY22 to FY23. This also means there was an increase in facilities and administrative (F&A) (almost 10% from FY22 to F23), which is one of the permanent sources of revenue.

Goal #2: Invest in the success of the people who teach, research, work, learn and live at UCR

PEVC focused on 3 key components within this goal which were faculty, graduate students, and the enhancement of campus space.

Faculty: The salary equity program brought everyone within 3% of their projected median in FY23. As a biennial program, the goal is to bring everyone within 5% in FY25 hoping to return to the 3% by FY27. There was also success in the first cohort of UCR CORO faculty leadership development program which will run again next year.

Graduate Students: An investment of $7 million in new permanent funding in addition to $16 million in one-time funds was made to meet salaries mandated by UAW contracts and will bring all students on fellowship up to minimum UAW salary, which is $34K in FY25. More PhD students offered acceptance in 2024 compared to 2023 with a few more enrolled as of May 20. Master’s student enrollments are lower this year compared to last year but there are hopes for an increase by the start of the fall quarter.

Enhance Campus Space: The Undergraduate Teaching and Learning Facility (UTLF) will be breaking ground this summer on Lot 19. The School of Business is scheduled to be completed by September where general classes will be scheduled as well as undergraduate education classes scheduled in the School of Medicine. There are several science teaching labs being renovated to be ready for Fall of 2024. Batchelor Hall’s renovations have been completed with new roof and elevator replacements in multiple buildings. Lastly, the North District 2 housing project is currently underway.

Goal #3: Expand the visibility and scope of influence of UCR locally, internationally, and globally

PEVC provided updates on all successful achievements so far. Those achievements include membership in AAU, Carnegie Classification in Community Engagement (1 of 368 institutions that have received the designation out of 4,000 qualifying institutes), and Association of Public and Land Grant University Classification in Innovation and Economic Prosperity (1 of only 80 IEP universities). There has been a total of 16 exceptional applications received from groups of faculty to incorporate as UCR’s first Campus Interdisciplinary Research Center.

There were no questions/comments from the floor.

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 2024-2025 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools could be found on page 12 through 16 of the meeting agenda.

There were several positions that have 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 began her announcements with the acknowledgement of the Analysts of the Academic Senate. Special recognition and thanks were extended to the Executive Director of the Division, Cherysa Cortez, for ensuring continuation and consistency in Divisional operations. Chair Lee acknowledged and showed appreciation to the outgoing chairs of the 26 standing committees and 7 faculty executive committees, while also thanking the chairs of the committees that will continue to serve. Chair Lee made mention of the series of celebrations that accompany the end of the Academic year, which included the success of the Faculty Research Lecture Reception on May 6, the Division Meeting Senate Reception at the Chancellor’s residence, the Celebration of Teaching hosted by XCITE on May 29 as well as the 6 commencements ceremonies at the Toyota Arena which will be adding 70 MD’s, 400+ PhD’s, and 6300 more undergrads to the UCR alumni list, reflecting the scale and size of UCR’s growth. Chair Lee made remarks regarding last year’s discussion about the nature of academic work, academic labor, and academic relationships with grad students and post-doc researchers. How do we envision our mission that should be carried out this year to have conversations on “how to” have conversations when we come from different places to understand and acknowledge each other while remembering that we share our membership in this community. Chair Lee stated she is grateful for the work that will continue beyond her term.

There were no questions/comments from the floor.

SPECIAL ORDER:
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.

REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY:
Riverside Assembly Representative, Professor Jennifer Hughes, provided the Division with written reports from the Assembly meetings on February 22, 2024, and April 18, 2024. The reports can be found on pages 155 and 158 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 Kenneth Barish, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Campus Service, introduced and moved for adoption of the nomination of Professor Richard Cardullo, Department of Evolution, Ecology, & Organismal Biology, as the recipient of the Distinguished Campus Service Award for 2023-24. The contributions of Professor Cardullo are summarized in the report of the Committee, found on page 160 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Erin Rankin, Chair of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching, introduced and moved for adoption of the nomination of Professor Jack Eichler, Department of Chemistry, as the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award for 2023-24. The contributions of Professor Eichler are summarized in the report of the Committee, found on page 161 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.
Professor David Oglesby, Chair of the Graduate Council, introduced and moved for adoption of the nomination of Associate Professor Jimmy Calanchini, Department of Psychology, as the recipient of the Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award for 2023-24. The contributions of Associate Professor Calanchini are summarized in the report of the Committee, found on page 162 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Distinguished Professor Francisco Zaera, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, introduced and moved for adoption of the nomination of Distinguished Professor Sonja Lyubomirsky, Department of Psychology, as the recipient of the Faculty Research Lecturer Award for 2024-25. The contributions of Distinguished Professor Lyubomirsky are summarized in the report of the Committee, found on pages 163-165 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Margaret Campbell, member of the Executive Committee of the School of Business, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to the School of Business Bylaw BUSINESS 4.2.1, found on pages 165-168 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Margaret Campbell, member of the Executive Committee of the School of Business, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Degree Program: Undergraduate Major in Business Analytics, found on pages 168-204 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Wesley Leonard, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Degree Program: Black Studies Major, found on pages 205-254 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Wesley Leonard, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Degree Program: Black Studies Minor, found on pages 255-306 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Bahram Mobasher, Chair of the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Regulations NR 3.05-Life Sciences Core Curriculum, found on pages 307-313 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Scott Pegan, member of the Executive Committee of the School of Medicine, introduced and moved for adoption of the 2nd round of proposed changes to the School of Medicine Bylaw ME 05.05.01, found on pages 313-318 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Richard Carpiano, Chair of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to SPP Bylaws (01 through 06.01), found on pages 318-338 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor David Oglesby, Chair of the Graduate Council, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Graduate Council Bylaws 8.14.02, found on pages 339-342 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.
Chair Sang-Hee Lee of the Executive Office of the Academic Senate, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Bylaw 08.01.05, found on pages 343-344 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 for this Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

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

Aneesah Kelley-Henry
Recording Secretary