

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

MEETING:

The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday December 5, 2023, at 1:03pm in Genomics Building, Room 1102A. Chair Sang-Hee Lee presided. The meeting was attended by 68 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2023, 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:

There were no announcements by the Chancellor as he was unable to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS:

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor (PEVC) Elizabeth Watkins addressed the Division.

PEVC Watkins acknowledged the Academic Senate and its role in management of the various committees both during and post pandemic. The PEVC also acknowledged the faculty and staff that were in attendance. Provost Watkins restated the news from summer that UCR is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

As an AAU member institution, UCR has been tasked with the multiple challenges of investment in research enterprise and infrastructure to support and maintain our standing and rise to the next level. Under the infrastructure component, the establishment of a centrally supported Interdisciplinary Research Center has been a top priority for Chancellor Wilcox and is included as an explicit initiative under Strategic Goal #3 in UCR's Strategic Plan, UCR 2030.

A Request for Proposals will be circulated for evaluation in an open competition. The selection committee will be composed of deans and Senate faculty. PEVC Watkins discussed the requirement and qualification criteria for contenders. The Interdisciplinary Research Center (IDC) will be housed in the Office of Research and Economic Development (RED), with support from staff in that unit (in addition to new staff explicitly hired to serve the research center). In addition to central funding, IDC, similar to the structure of departments within a college, will flow to RED as the college and the center as the department, for additional support. PEVC Watkins also noted an intention to name the director of the Interdisciplinary Research Center to an available Presidential Chair that has not recently been utilized. The resources from that endowment will flow to the center. With that, Provost Watkins concluded her remarks.

There were no questions or 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 the election results. Secretary Parliamentarian Axelrod informed the Division that the results of the 2023-2024 recent elections for the Division, Colleges, and Schools could be found on page 7 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. The newly appointed members to serve a 2-year term are Keith Miyake (CHASS), Barry K. Mishra (SOB), and Katherine Meltzoff (SOE).

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR:

Chair Lee recognized previous Senate Chair Jason Stajich's attendance and service to the Division. Chair Lee discussed the call for nominations for the Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Campus Service, Chancellor's Award for Excellence, and the Faculty Research Lecturer awards and asked all Senate members to take the time to review the award requirements and nominate potential awardees (colleagues and/or students). All nominations are due by January 8, 2024.

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

SPECIAL ORDER:

The curricula changes for the School of Business Undergraduate Business Administration major was withdrawn from the Consent calendar and added to the regular order of business under item 10: Reports on Standing Committees and Faculties. Due to the withdrawal, there was no Consent calendar to be voted on for approval.

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 David Biggs provided the Division with a written report from the Assembly meeting on June 8, 2023. This report can be found on page 107 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 James Flegal, Chair of the Committee on Courses, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to the Charge of the Committee Bylaw 08.10.01, found on page 109 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Victoria Reyes, Vice Chair of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to the Charge of the Committee Bylaw HS 04.01.01.03, found on page 111 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Marcus Kaul, Chair of the School of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the second round of proposed changes to Bylaw ME

05.03-Medical Education Committee, found on page 112 of the full agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Professor Thomas Kramer, School of Business Associate Dean of Undergraduate Business Programs, moved for the adoption of proposed changes to the Undergraduate Business Administration major (BSAD) found on page 8 of the full agenda. The floor was open for discussion as this was an item removed from the Consent calendar for further discussion.

There were several members that discussed concerns regarding the change and its impact on CHASS's students and budget. It was mentioned that many members of CHASS were not aware of the proposed change, and therefore a request was made for additional time to review the change prior to the Division vote. A member addressed concerns about the timeline of review for the proposed change and how this precedent of delay will affect committees in the future regarding similar situations. If the motion is to be tabled, a member asked what the timeline for Divisional consideration would then be. Chair Lee responded that all approvals must be made at Division meetings which are held three times a year (quarterly), with the next meeting taking place on February 27, 2024 via Zoom. A motion was made to Call the Question. The motion was approved, and therefore the vote took place to adopt the proposed change to the Undergraduate Business Administration major. The motion to adopt the change was defeated.

PETITIONS OF STUDENTS:

There were no student petitions.

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 2:05 pm.

ATTEST:

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

Aneesah Kelley-Henry
Recording Secretary