MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION

MEETING
The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 1:01 p.m. in Genomics Building, Room 1102A. Chair Kenneth Barish presided. The meeting was attended by 55 members of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate.

MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025, were approved as presented.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR AT RIVERSIDE
There were no announcements by Chancellor Hu as he was unable to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLORS
There were no announcements by PEVC Watkins at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DEANS OR OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
Chair Barish called upon the Secretary Parliamentarian, Feng Xu, to provide the report on election results. Secretary Parliamentarian Xu informed the Division that the results of the 2025-2026 recent elections for the Division, Colleges and Schools can be found on pages 11 & 12 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 Barish addressed the Division with an acknowledgement of Faculty, Senate Committee members and Chairs, and Senate analysts for their engagement and work in maintaining strong shared governance. Chair Barish provided brief updates regarding changes within Systemwide such as the newly appointed President James Milliken. There has been positive feedback regarding interactions with President Milliken with particular praise for his open-door policy. This serves to give significant access formally and informally to discuss Senate matters with the most recent being the restoration of the PPFP hiring incentives. Chair Barish also mentioned that there are several areas of concern surrounding actions at other campuses resulting in Academic Council statements. A few of those actions were the Defense of the University, the potential agreement between the University and the Federal Government, and the Universities disclosure of personal identifiable information.

Chair Barish also acknowledged UCR's newly appointed Chancellor Jack Hu, who unfortunately was unavailable to attend this meeting due to prior engagements. Chair Barish shared that he is optimistic on the shared governance on UCR's campus as Chancellor Hu has already displayed significant progress by hosting a faculty retreat which resulted in a large participation from faculty.

Chair Barish provided feedback on positive developments regarding the Committee on Planning and Budget participating in budget hearings taking place this year and the budget templates being made available to the committee. One of the main objectives has been to create a more detailed working discussion with the Deans in terms of optimizing and understanding budgets moving forward with faculty FTE and other ratios.

Chair Barish mentioned systemwide reports on which the UCR division has provided feedback, including the Senate's Interim report of the Academic Senate Task Force on UC Adaptation to Disruptions (UCAD) and the interim and proposed changes to APM 015 and 016 regarding faculty discipline. All feedback and reports are made public once submitted. There are new committees being formed such as the Systemwide UCAD Plus that is meant to be the successor of the existing UCAD committee. UCAD Plus will not be solely a Senate committee but a Senate-Administrative committee and 5 sub-committees.

Chair Barish also discussed changes within the UCR campus. UCR is creating a Senate Student Evaluation of Teaching Workgroup that will take over the responsibilities of the current transitional Joint Senate-Administrative Teaching Evaluation Implementation
Committee that worked on a quarterly basis. This new work group will also be tasked with drafting bylaws for a new standing committee and formulating a guide for instructors. There is also a UCR Academic Senate Task Force on UC Adaptation to Disruptions (UCR-UCAD) being created to analyze any recommendations within the UCR context seeking broad faculty input via forms or surveys as well as being a committee available to make rapid recommendations to the administration related to the Systemwide UCAD Plus efforts.

Another group forming is the Senate-Administrative AI Council. This will be a permanent committee with a scope on the academic use of AI in teaching, learning, research, and student conduct. It will compile and develop and synthesize policies and advice as well as usage guidelines for AI tools. The charge of the committee is currently under development and expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Lastly, Chair Barish spoke about the recent Q&A style town hall that was hosted by the Senate that featured Chancellor Hu and Provost Watkins. Future quarterly town halls are planned to address issues or concerns faculty may have.

There were no questions 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 Senior Representative Manuela Martins-Green, noted that the reports from the Assembly meeting on June 12, 2025, can be found on page 136, and the Assembly meeting on October 9, 2025 can be found on page 138 of the full agenda.

Professor Martins-Green provided a brief summary of the June and October Assembly meetings. The full report can be found in the pages mentioned above.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
There were no reports of Special Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES
Professor Vagelis Hristidis, Chair of the Bourns College of Engineering Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Degree Program: B.S. in Computer Science Applications – 2nd Round (CSA) found on page 141 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Austin Johnson, member of the School of Education Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to SOE Regulations 1 to 4.1.1—4th Round found on page 290 of the full agenda.   The motion was approved.

Professor Harry Tom, Chair of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Combined Degree Program: Bachelor of Science + Master of Science in Mathematics (Applied) Five Year (4+1) Combined 2nd Round found on page 370 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Harry Tom, Chair of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaws (Bylaw 4.1.1.1 Committee List) found on page 388 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Qingfang Wang, member of the School of Public Policy Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Degree Program: Minor in Geospatial Analysis found on page 392 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Adam Godzik, Chair of the School of Medicine Executive Committee, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to the School of Medicine Bylaw ME 5.5 found on page 513 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Weitao Chen, member of Committee on Undergraduate Admissions, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Undergraduate Admissions Committee Bylaw 8.23.1: Lived Name Policy found on page 516 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Elizabeth Jacobs, member of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Committee on Privilege and Tenure Bylaws 8.19 through 8.19.2: Lived Name Policy, Committee membership & Ex-Officio Service found on page 518 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Hyle Park, member of the Graduate Council, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to regulation 6.12-Campus Graduation Requirements found on page 522 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

Professor Annika Speer, member of the Committee on Academic Freedom, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed Resolution to Establish Mutual Academic Defense Compacts in Defense of Academic Freedom, Free Expression, Institutional Integrity, and the Research 533 of the full agenda. After brief discussion, the motion was approved. (21 in favor; 5 opposed)

Senate Chair Kenneth Barish on behalf of the Executive Council, introduced and moved for adoption of the proposed changes to Senate Bylaw 2.2 through 2.2.8: Lived Name Policy found on page 535 of the full agenda. The motion was approved.

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 for this Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Feng Xu, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

Aneesah Kelley-Henry
Recording Secretary