1. **MEETING:**
   A regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly was called to order by Chair Martens at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at the Academic Senate Conference Room, 338 Aldrich Hall. Members of the Administrative staff and members of the University community were present.

2. **MINUTES:**
   Chair Martens noted that any corrections to the minutes may be sent to the Senate office for amendment.
   
   **Action:** The minutes of June 2 were approved.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR CRAIG MARTENS:** None

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR MICHAEL V DRAKE:**
   Chancellor Drake was unable to attend.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY VICE CHANCELLOR OF PLANNING AND BUDGET MEREDITH MICHAELS:**
   UCI has managed to make progress this year with great cooperation from students, staff, and faculty in spite of the $750M budget cut. Our research is gaining recognition, the campus and faculty are winning awards, the faculty has grown by 60, and the student applications have increased. With the 60 new faculty members our total is now at 958, only 10 less than the 969 we had at our peak year in 2008. There are approximately 200 more students with a disproportionately larger freshman class this year. The EVC was able to work with the schools with smaller classes and give funding for supplemental instruction.

   Applications are up systemwide. The number of California residents that applied to UCI is up 15% (from 47,000 to 54,000) making our campus the third largest in the UC system in terms of California residents. This year we also saw an increase in the number of international student applicants. It rose from 2300 to 3600.

   The UC system has moved to a new budget model effective as of July 1, 2011. The principles of which are that the campuses keep and retain the revenue they generate and UCOP and the series of systemwide programs are funded by a general assessment given to the campus. In 2011-12, UC took a $650M cut. The governor has just announced that there will be an additional $100M cut in the current year. UCOP will use a series of one time bridging strategies to pay for it. This brings our total campus loss to about 35% in terms of support from the state. Both the governor and legislative analysts have announced a $3B shortfall for this year and $9B total in 2012-13. This will mean more cuts in 2012-13. The Regents and UCOP want to have a multi-year plan for UC. The proposal submitted to the Regents laying out the 2012-13 priorities include an 8% increase in expenditure in our core budget (inclusive of increases in enrollment and programs generally funded from fees and state general funds), special funding for UC Merced to maintain their enrollment, $15M for the new UC Riverside medical school, continued funding for academic merits, funding for 3% employee compensation, another 3% for retirement contributions, and funds that seek to restore faculty-student ratios. We are also working on a draft proposal for rebenching that will go to the president in March or April.

6. **SPECIAL ORDERS – CONSENT CALENDAR**
   Annual Reports of Standing Committees 2010-11
May be found with other pertinent documents on the Senate’s website at: http://www.senate.uci.edu/Publications/AnnualReports/AnnualReport_Index.asp

Councils:
Council on Academic Personnel
Council on Educational Policy
Council on Faculty Welfare
Graduate Council
Council on Planning and Budget
Council on Research, Computing and Libraries
Council on Student Experience
Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools

Committees, Subcommittees & Boards:
Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Financial Aid
Campuswide Honors Program Board
CEP Assessment Committee
Committee on Committee
Committee on Privilege and Tenure
Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction
Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards
Faculty Board for Undecided/Undeclared Students
Programs and Policy Subcommittee
Subcommittee on Courses and Continuing, Part-Time & Summer Session Education
Subcommittee on International Education

7. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Proposed establishment of the B.S. in Software Engineering (ICS)

Issue: The Council on Educational Policy reviewed and approved a proposal from the School of Information and Compute Science to establish the B.S. in Software Engineering effective Winter 2011.

Discussion: Michael Dennin, Chair of CEP, presented an overview of the proposal that was endorsed by CEP and the Cabinet.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the establishment of the B.S. in Software Engineering (ICS) [27 endorsed, 0 opposed].

Proposed Revision of Bylaw 48, Council on Academic Personnel (CAP) and Bylaw 181, Selection of CAP

Issue: The Senate Cabinet and CAP approved the request that CAP membership be expanded to include a faculty member from the School of Law. In addition, the proposal to extend CAP membership to include one faculty from Law, it was decided to add an at-large member from the grouping of smaller units. The most important factor in our decision was the principle articulated in previous discussions, that every tenured ladder rank member of the Senate should be eligible for service on CAP.

Discussion: Revision of Irvine Bylaw 48: Expand CAP membership to add one member from the School of Law
Henry Pontell, Chair of CAP gave an overview of the proposal and noted that meetings were held with the EVC and Dean Chemerinsky from the School of Law. After careful review of the
advantages and disadvantages, CAP agreed that it was beneficial to add a member from the law school and endorsed the proposal. Concerns related to the possibility of CAP becoming too large in size was addressed by CAP. It was noted that the law school is the only school without representation on CAP and that along with the growth of the University, there has been an increase in the work load which needs to be accommodated.

**Action:** The Assembly voted to approve Bylaw 48 (CAP) [26 endorsed, 1 opposed, 1 abstention].

**Revision of Irvine Bylaw 48 & 181:** In addition to expanding CAP membership to include one member from the law school, add an at-large member from the grouping of smaller units

**Discussion:**
There was some concern regarding the elimination of “College of Health Sciences” from the language. It was noted that the College functions primarily with the School of Medicine administered under this umbrella. The smaller units such as Education, Public Health, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Nursing are administered outside the College of Health Sciences. The modifications allow the smaller units to be represented more effectively. The School of Medicine will maintain its representation separate from this at-large member.

**Action:**
The Assembly voted to approve Bylaw 181 (Selection of CAP) [19 endorsed, 8 opposed].

**Proposal to Establish a Department of European Languages & Studies**

**Issue:** The Senate Cabinet, CPB, GC, and CEP reviewed and approved the proposal to establish a Department of European Languages and Studies. The proposal includes the following actions: 1) the disestablishment of the Department of French and Italian and the Program in European Studies; 2) the consolidation of the Department of French and Italian and the Program in European Studies with the Department of German to create the Department of European Languages & Studies; 3) the transfer of the French major and minor into the new department and 4) the transfer of the Italian minor into the new department.

**Discussion:**
Senate Chair Craig Martens gave an overview of the proposal. Some of the main concerns were: the number of courses that need to be taught is still a problem regardless of the restructuring; there were concerns with low enrollments that reflected small majors; the proposal did not include other European languages faculty such as Russian and Spanish; this is a half-measure that doesn’t address the real problem of smaller units.

Ulrike Strasser of History and European Studies and John Smith of German noted that all of the concerns raised had been addressed during the review process of the proposal and that although the new proposal does not readily address all of the concerns, it does offer a solution for preserving the programs in French and Italian. There is currently a structure in place for people to serve as affiliated faculty, and although not a perfect proposal, it is the only practical solution to the problems facing the involved departments at this time.

**Action:** The Assembly voted to approve the Proposal to Establish a Department of European Languages and Studies [26 endorsed, 2 opposed].

9. **PETITIONS OF STUDENTS:** None

10 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

11. **REPORTS OR COMMENTS ON UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE:** None
12. NEW BUSINESS: UC Patent Amendment

Concern was expressed regarding the email request for faculty and staff to sign an amendment to the UC Patent Agreement because of the recent court decision in the case Stanford v. Roche. The email was not generated from a UCI or UC address causing confusion as to its legitimacy. The faculty members requested guidance, greater clarification, and an email request generated from a UC address. It was noted that these problems were of concern for many faculty and staff and that UCORP, the systemwide senate committee, has requested a new email with additional information be sent from a UC address.

13. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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Attest: Mary Gilly, Chair-Elect