DIVISIONAL SENATE ASSEMBLY
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2010, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Academic Senate Conference Room, 338 Aldrich Hall

1. MEETING:
A regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly was called to order by Chair Barbour at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010, 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 Barbour noted that any corrections to the minutes may be sent to the Senate office for amendment.
Action: The minutes of June 3 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR ALAN BARBOUR:
Chair Barbour welcomed Assembly members to the Fall meeting.
- The next Assembly meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., will be held at the UCI Medical Center. Transportation from the campus will be provided and a hospital tour will be available for members who are interested. There will be a videoconference link to the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center for members on campus, but the general campus is encouraged to participate in this meeting at the Medical Center.
- The Academic Council endorsed President Yudof’s recommendations of the Post-Employment Benefits.
- The Distinguished Faculty Awards will be held following the Assembly at 7:00 p.m. at the University Club with a reception immediately following.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR MICHAEL DRAKE:
Restored funding allows the campus to move forward in the following ways.
- Faculty research is at all-time high.
- The campus is ranked 8th nationally in the number of applications received.
- Megan Braun is the first UCI student to earn a prestigious Rhodes scholarship.
- 1M square feet in capital projects have been added since March 2009.
- 75 faculty positions will be filled.
- Student services such as the Career Center are being improved to enhance student experience.
- Faculty equity program and salaries for non-represented employees are lagging. The Regents support a salary increase contingent on the state budget.
- Faculty merits will be funded as planned.
- The Regents approved an 8% tuition and fee increase ($822 total) for 2011-12 and expanded financial aid for low and middle-income California students. The UC Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will cover all systemwide fees for financial-aid eligible California undergraduates with family incomes under $80,000. Students with family incomes between $80,000 and $120,000 will not see an increase until 2012-13. Students with family incomes between $120,000 and $180,000 will pay a fraction of the increase.
- The campus aims to double non-resident enrollment over the next few years to 10%. Tuition for non-resident students is about $30,000 per year. However, UCI faces competition in recruiting out-of-state and international students with UCLA and UC Berkeley as well as other institutions across the country.
- The university continues its advocacy effort for state funding with the legislature.

Chancellor Drake concluded that the state of the campus remains strong thanks to the efforts of faculty and staff. The goal of the campus is to move forward as rapidly as possible.
5. SPECIAL ORDERS – CONSENT CALENDAR
   A. Annual Reports of Standing Committees 2009-10
      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 Committees
      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

   B. Academic Senate’s Distinguished Faculty Awards for 2010-11
      - Distinguished Faculty Award for Research
        John Avise, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
      - Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Research
        Michael Franz, Department of Computer Science
      - Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Research
        Candice Odgers, Department of Psychology & Social Behavior
      - Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching
        Peter Bowler, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
      - Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Teaching
        Michael Montoya, Department of Chicano/Latino Studies
      - Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award
        Frank LaFerla, Department of Neurobiology & Behavior
      - Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service
        Sandra Irani, Department of Computer Science

   C. In Memoriam:
      Louis Gottschalk (1916-2008)
      Donald Edwards (1932-2009)
      Jonathon Ericson (1942-2009)
      C.K. Mahutte (1944-2009)
      Peter Odegard (1929-2009)
      Peter Reardon (1930-2009)
      R. Craig Kaufman (1932-2010)
6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Proposed Disestablishment of the B.A. in Humanities (Interdisciplinary)

*Issue:* The Council on Educational Policy reviewed and unanimously approved a proposal from the School of Humanities to discontinue the B.A. in Humanities (Interdisciplinary) effective Fall 2010.

*Discussion:* There are no students currently in the program and no applicants. Per the School of Humanities, this request is “due to growth of majors within the School and lack of student demand” for this major.

*Action:* The Divisional Senate Assembly unanimously approved the proposal to disestablish the B.A. in Humanities (Interdisciplinary) [24 in favor].

Proposed Revision of IR 520, General Education Requirement, and Removal of Category IX, Laboratory or Performance, from the General Education Requirements

*Issue:* The CEP has been conducting a review of General Education, both as a part of WASC mandated assessment efforts and in response to a recommendation from the Task Force on Curricular Alternatives. In the course of this review, the CEP voted unanimously at its January 2010 meeting to remove Category IX, Laboratory or Performance, from the General Education requirements. This would entail the removal of Category IX from the Catalogue and revision of Irvine Regulation 520. General Education Requirement.

*Discussion:* - Chair Barbour announced that voting for the proposed revision of IR 520 and removal of category IX will be deferred until the next Assembly meeting to allow faculty in the School of the Arts additional time to review the proposal. CEP notified the school units of the proposed change in September and will send out another notice to ensure proper review. It is critical for the Assembly to vote at its January 27 meeting in order to meet the catalogue deadline.

- As the description of the requirement has been broadened beyond the original intent, CEP felt that the requirement no longer functions as a specific part of General Education. The lack of specificity has led to a situation in which all students, with the exception of Humanities majors, are able to complete this requirement with courses that are already required as part of their major requirements. The main issue is not enrollment but rather an educational prerogative to strengthen General Education. CEP anticipates no impact on students and students will have the option to use the new requirements listed in the latest catalogue.

*Action:* The Divisional Senate Assembly will vote on the Proposed Revision of IR 520, General Education Requirement, and Removal of Category IX, Laboratory or Performance, at the January 27, 2011 meeting.

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

*Issue:* CAP has proposed the revision of its membership and its selection to appoint one at-large member from school units that do not have a standing member (Education, Law, Nursing Science, Pharmaceutical Science, and Public Health).

*Discussion:* The proposal was intended to respond to concerns for greater involvement by new schools and programs in campus governance, yet remain consistent with past precedent regarding service on CAP. CAP Chair White presented the following principles of CAP membership:

- Membership:
  - CAP members do not represent schools or departments; they serve the campus as a whole and are voted into their positions by the entire Senate.
  - School designation should not be the sole criterion for membership.
  - Every tenured ladder rank member of the Senate should be eligible for service on CAP.
o Practical issues: workload (large units need more members with expertise), and manageable committee size (11 members is still manageable).

- Key recommendations:
  - When the number of ladder rank faculty reaches 40, schools or stand-alone departments/programs may petition the Academic Senate for a CAP member.
  - The units that are currently too small will collectively have one CAP member (currently, Education, Law, Nursing Science, Pharmaceutical Science, and Public Health).

- Implementation: The Committee on Committees will select the slate of nominees. However, it was noted that candidates can self-nominate. Elected member will begin a three-year term on September 1, 2011.

There were several objections to the proposal among Assembly members. The issues raised by discussants at the Assembly included:
- There may be alternative ways of grouping programs and small schools.
- New schools and programs may be combined with established schools and programs that have similar areas of interest.

**Action:** The Divisional Senate Assembly unanimously endorsed a motion to table the proposal. CAP will further review its bylaw changes.

8. **PETITIONS OF STUDENTS:** None

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

10. **REPORTS OR COMMENTS ON UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE:** None

11. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

12. **ROLL CALL:** Attendance Sheet

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Attest: Alan Barbour, Chair