DIVISIONAL SENATE ASSEMBLY
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2013, 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 Gilly at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013, 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 Gilly noted that any corrections to the minutes may be sent to the Senate office for amendment. Action: The minutes of June 7 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR MARY GILLY:
- Composite Benefits: The Federal government has agreed to not impose separate rates for summer salary; faculty with 9 month appointments (plus emeriti), will put 0% for summer salary.
- Budget update: Governor Brown and the Board of Regents meeting discussed efficiencies in teaching and online education. The Governor’s goal is to graduate students faster, and improve retention rates. The Governor is willing to invest in online education although there are other critical needs for the campuses.
- The Divisional Senate Assembly meeting has been rescheduled from May 2nd to May 9th.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR MICHAEL V. DRAKE:

**Proposition 30:** The passage of Proposition 30 was supported by both the Legislature and public opinion, and resulted in winning at the polls. The UC is very grateful for the California electorate’s support for higher education by voting for this essential tax increase. Governor Brown attended the last Regents meeting, and affirmed that there would be no increases in tuition, and no merit increases for staff and faculty.

Proposition 30 will allow the budget to increase $250M which is equivalent to the 6% increase in tuition that had been considered. Moreover, there is a proposal to refinance bonds that could allow for $75-80M to the budget. There will be a positive budget for 2013-14. However, other costs such as utilities and union contracts will create a budget gap. The Chancellor and the Senate Leadership are scheduled to meet with President Yudof next week to discuss the budget for the university.

**State of the Campus:** The campus has increased its number of international and non-resident students, and there was a modest increase in faculty FTE. The campus also increased its number of contracts and grants. The campus ranked 25 in the AAU ratings for the youngest university. This is attributed to the quality of the UCI faculty and the excellence of their teaching and research.

**EVC-Provost Search:** The campus has received a pool of excellent candidates, and interviews will soon be scheduled to complete the process by the summer.

**Online Education:** Chancellor Drake announced that Professor Daphne Koller, Professor of Computer Science at Stanford University and co-CEO of Coursera, presented on the Online Revolution: Education for Everyone. The event was sponsored by the Bren School. The campus is offering 5 Coursera courses with two of the five being proposed for academic credit for the major. It was noted that the Commission on the Future’s Subcommittee on Access and Affordability considered distance learning in its discussion of expanding access. Coursera would like to offer courses at a minimal cost per unit to maintain affordability.
A faculty from the School of Medicine noted that they are in their second year of online instruction in medical physiology offered to first year medical students. The class meets for two quarters with a one hour lecture offered in three modules for three hours of in-class time. The lecture material and additional exercises are posted for student assessment and provide the student the option to do additional work. There is a forum for student feedback. The students like that they are able to review materials several times to ensure their understanding. It was suggested that the information related to this class be presented to the newly appointed Task Force on Online Education.

Health Care Costs for Students: An increase in the health care costs for graduate students was recently reported by the Graduate Division. Chancellor Drake said that there was a systemwide miscalculation and rates were for health insurance were too low. The campus will need to look at the best cost for the campus, but this will not include a reduction in benefits.

It was later noted in the meeting that the costs of the student health care programs was significantly under estimated by an outside firm hired by UCOP resulting in a $57M deficit. A systemwide advisory committee with a student representative from each campus and one student on the executive committee will be involved in the discussion to re-structure the programs.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: None

6. SPECIAL ORDERS - CONSENT CALENDAR
   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:
   CEP Assessment Committee
   Committee on Committees
   Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction
   Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards
   Programs and Policy Subcommittee
   Subcommittee on Courses and Continuing, Part-Time & Summer Session Education
   Subcommittee on International Education

   The consent calendar was accepted.

7. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

   UC Irvine Mission Statement
   Issue: WASC reviewed UC Irvine ten years ago and noted that although the University of California has a mission statement, UC Irvine did not have one. WASC requested that this be addressed before the new review scheduled in October 2012. The Cabinet approved the new statement at its meeting of June 19, 2012
The University of California, Irvine’s mission is to discover and disseminate knowledge through research, teaching and creative expression in acclaimed academic programs. Our system of governance shared between the Board of Regents, the administration and the faculty Senate guides the development of our campus and the realization of these goals.

Discussion: A friendly amendment was introduced to strike the second sentence to keep the statement brief. Assembly members commented that it was important to include the system of shared governance in the mission statement. Moreover, the mission statement was already presented to WASC in its original form. After brief discussion, the motion for a friendly amendment was withdrawn.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the UCI Mission Statement as proposed [28 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions].

Discontinuation of Humanities/Arts and Arts/Humanities Undergraduate majors

Issue: The Council on Educational Policy has reviewed and endorsed the proposal to disestablish the undergraduate majors in Arts/Humanities and Humanities/Arts. As part of the review process, CEP consulted with the Council on Planning and Budget regarding any budgetary issues related to the disestablishment.

Discussion: Although the major offered a unique opportunity for students, it required building their own major and course plan, a process that was labor intensive for both the students and the faculty. The major also was not an option for transfer students which represent a significant percentage of the Arts and Humanities students, and resulted in low enrollments. The Senate expressed concern with the future of cross-school majors as the majors require a clearly defined administrative structure to ensure that the major has stability and continuity in the instructional staff. CEP commended the faculty for their prudent decision to discontinue the majors and their careful consideration of the underlying issues.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the proposal to discontinue the Humanities/Arts and Arts/Humanities majors [30 in favor, 0 opposed]

9. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS: None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. REPORTS OR COMMENTS ON UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE: None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Revisions of Irvine Bylaw 35 and 158

Issue: The Academic Senate has reviewed a proposal from Professor Scott Jordan to modify Irvine Bylaws 35 and 158. If adopted, the legislation would modify legislation that determines how information is delivered for discussions at Assembly meetings. The Cabinet unanimously rejected the proposal as the current Systemwide and Divisional Bylaws adequately address the concerns raised. Moreover, CRJ found the rationale for the proposal had some inconsistencies, and that it failed to provide adequate reason to modify the current legislation. Professor Jordan requested the proposal be presented to the Assembly.

Action: The Assembly deferred discussion.

Chancellorial Stewardship Review: The process and outcome for the 5-year Chancellorial Review was raised. The review is a personnel action and is a confidential process. The Academic Senate participated
by nominating three UCI representatives to serve on the Ad Hoc Review committee. The campus was asked to provide comments on the qualities of the Chancellor’s performance for consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee. President Yudof shared aspects of the review with Senate Chair Barbour, but the President did not publicly report the outcome of the review.

13. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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