1. MEETING:
A regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly was called to order by Chair Judith Stepan-Norris, at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 3, 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 Stepan-Norris noted that any corrections to the minutes may be sent to the Senate office for amendment.
Action: The minutes of May 6 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR JUDITH STEPAN-NORRIS: None

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

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR & PROVOST MICHAEL GOTTFREDSON:
2009-10 Budget Update:
- $68.7M shortfall this year was covered by taking $30M in permanent reductions, $15M in one-time reductions, and by generating $25M from the furlough program.

2010-11 Budget Update:
- The campus’ principal objectives are to abolish the furlough program and avoid additional cuts.
- The Governor’s budget proposes the restoration of the $305M one-time cut to UC and enrollment growth funding of $51M. The budget is in the Senate for reconciliation while the legislature prepares a response to the Governor’s proposal. This will be contingent on estimated state revenue.
- Despite uncertainty of the state’s budgetary support, the campus is required to meet the following mandatory cost increases:
  o $25M to cover the elimination of the furlough program.
  o Pension benefits with the employer’s share covering 4% of the base wages ($12M). Contributions are expected to rise to 7%, 10%, and 12% over the coming years.
  o Health care benefits.
  o Salary programs to fund faculty merits and negotiated salaries for union-represented employees.

The campus is considering strategic cost-saving and revenue-generating initiatives such as:
- Increase of non-resident enrollment at undergraduate and graduate level.
- Reduce lease expenses by moving some UCI activities back to campus from their current off-campus locations, thus recovering more than $2M in current year.
- Consolidate IT functions to generate efficiencies and reduce expenditures.
- Other initiatives being considered include using available funds toward either or both the hiring of new faculty or an increase in salaries.

It was noted that the $1B Shaping the Future Campaign has raised over $500M in endowed and non-endowed funds to support scholarships, fellowships, and capital projects.
Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Gottfredson concluded that the campus is doing what it can in the current budget situation without relying on state support. In moving forward, the campus objective will be to be best positioned on the leading edge of recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PROFESSOR RON HUFF
President Yudof has asked each campus to appoint a Campus Climate Council, a multi-constituency advisory committee that will review and comment on the interpersonal and intergroup atmosphere on campus. The Council will advise the Chancellor on ways to enhance the spirit of inclusion and community. Chancellor Drake co-chairs UC Irvine’s council initially; Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Gottfredson and Professor Huff serve as vice chairs. In addition to the 10 individual campus councils, there will be a systemwide council with representatives from each campus. The Assembly was invited to provide input and recommendations to improve campus climate.

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – CONSENT CALENDAR
Repeal the Irvine Regulation - IR 375. Special Studies Credit Limitation (Undergraduate) in response to the repeal of the Systemwide Regulation – SR 764 (from UC Manual 764. (Rp 21 April 2010)) to maintain UCI’s compliance. The proposed change is to remove the restriction of limiting credit in special studies courses for undergraduates to 5 units per quarter. There were no objections to the Consent Calendar.

7. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Proposal for a Ph.D. in Public Health
Issue: The Senate Cabinet reviewed the proposal for a new graduate academic program, the Ph.D. in Public Health. The Graduate Council (GC) approved the Ph.D., and the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) endorsed the proposal after receiving additional information.

Discussion:
- The Cabinet endorsed the proposed Ph.D. after receiving endorsement from GC and CPB.
- Professor Ogunseitan noted that the program in Public Health has worked with the Senate over the past 5 years to develop the undergraduate and masters program. The proposed doctoral program is the next step in the development of the Public Health programs and is designed to train research students and bring new strength to the Public Health program. The program anticipates enrolling up to 10 students in the first year with an additional 2-4 students added annually.
- In regard to the administrative reporting and oversight, the program reports to the Graduate Division Dean. It was reported that the MPH program is currently in the accreditation process. Public Health is collaborating with other units and affiliated faculty in its research and teaching programs. In light of the current budgetary climate, the program would like to proceed in building its teaching and research programs and to evenly move to a school of Public Health status when the budget and resources permit.

Action: The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposed Ph.D. in Public Health [28 in favor, 2 opposed].

Proposed Amendments: Bylaw 85, CEP and Bylaw 36, Student Participation on Senate Committees
Issue: The Council on Educational Policy has approved an amendment to Bylaw 85 to include an Assessment Committee to provide general guidance for assessment including policy development, and advice and recommendations to CEP for the assessment of GE categories, review of GE courses, and academic program reviews. Members also will be involved in drafting assessment plans and reports and making recommendations for improvement of student learning. The proposed amendment will add the Senate Assessment Committee as a subcommittee of CEP. Bylaw 36,
Student Participation on Committees, will be amended to include 1 undergraduate student on the Senate Assessment Committee.

Discussion:
- The establishment of the Assessment Committee is to meet the guidelines of the WASC reaccreditation process and to have in place a permanent campus structure for the evaluation of educational outcomes.
- The proposed revisions were presented with two technical amendments clarifying the appointment procedures.

Action: The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposed amendments to Bylaw 85 and Bylaw 36 [27 in favor, 3 opposed].

Proposed Revision to IR A345, Grading
Issue: The revision to allow for the “I” grade to ultimately change to an “F,” if not replaced by a grade, was approved for grading for undergraduates only at the March 18, 2010 Assembly. The Graduate Council endorsed this grading policy for graduate students, and this additional revision is presented to the Assembly for consideration.

Action: The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposed revision to IR A345 [28 in favor, 2 opposed].

Proposed Revision to IR 445, Enrollment Units Limitation
Issue: The Council on Educational Policy, the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction and the Senate Cabinet endorsed the revision to decrease the maximum number of units enrolled without dean’s approval from 20 to 18 during initial enrollment.

Discussion:
- The proposed revision is to decrease the maximum number of units enrolled without the dean’s approval from 20 to 18 during the initial enrollment of courses.
- The Assembly recommended an amendment to the proposed revision that CEP establish a proper wait list system with the Registrar’s office [29 in favor, 2 opposed].

Action: The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposed revision to IR 445 as amended [30 in favor, 1 opposed].

9. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS: None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

On behalf of the Assembly, Vice Chair Barbour thanked Chair Stepan-Norris for her work as Chair of the Senate for 2009-10.

13. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Attest: Alan Barbour, Chair-Elect/Secretary