1. **MEETING:**
A regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly was called to order by Chair Elect Krapp at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 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 Elect Krapp noted that any corrections to the minutes may be sent to the Senate office for amendment.
Action: The minutes of February 7 were approved.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR ELECT PETER KRAPP:**
   - Budget update: The 2013-2014 state budget has granted more funds than expected to the UC Campuses.
   - SB520: The UC, Cal State, and community college campuses will continue to oppose bill SB520 as long as the private sector is included in the bill.
   - ILTI: Phase 2 of the UC Innovative Learning Technology Initiative (ILTl) has just finished receiving applications; notifications of awards will be sent in July. The Senate will be working with the Provost to promote online education.
   - Performance measures: The Choices Report" found the highest indicator of quality to be the student to faculty ratio.
   - UCRP: The employee contribution is scheduled to increase to 8% by 2014. This will be accomplished by through a 1.5% increase in July 2013 and a 1.5% increase in July 2014. Employer contribution is scheduled to increase 2% in July 2013.
   - UCSD Senate: The Senate at UCSD is exploring expanding the voting rights of their Health Sciences personnel.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR MICHAEL V. DRAKE:**

   **EVC-Provost Search:** The campus received a pool of excellent candidates, and from those outstanding candidates Howard Gillman was chosen. Provost Gillman is very eager to start, and his first day will Monday, June 17.

   **Dean Searches:** The School of Social Sciences performed a national search for their new dean and had some strong applicants, but the best applicant was from UCI. Dr. Bill Mauer was selected in May. The Business School’s search is ongoing with an outstanding pool of candidates.

   **Budget:** Due to a more substantial budget, there is a proposal of a salary increase for July 2013. The increase would be 2% for faculty, 3% for staff, and would be in addition to the Merit raises.

   **UC Presidential Search:** No one has any details yet, but there is hope for more news at the meeting of the Regents in July. (Update: The Honorable Janet Napolitano, secretary
of the Department of Homeland Security, was selected by the Regents in July and will assume her new office in September.)

Regents: There are 5 vacancies, which the Governor has been slow to fill. The Governor likes the way the current board is getting along. The new UCOP Chair will be Bruce Varner from UC Riverside.

Commencement: Chancellor Drake urged all faculty members to attend the graduate student and their own school’s commencement. He commented on how gratifying it is to see the happiness, love, appreciation and pride.

Ethics and Pride: Chancellor Drake shared several illustrations of UCI’s high value of the ethics and pride that the students, staff and faculty all share. He attributed the hard work of those individuals with the high ranking the University continues to receives, and offered his gratitude for making the University’s future so bright.

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:

Discontinuation of Plant Biology
Issue: The School of Biological Sciences proposes to disestablish the Plant Biology major that was initiated in 2007. This major has attracted only a handful of students over the past five years, and the faculty member who was its main driving force has now retired. Given the lack of student interest, the school has requested that this major be eliminated.
Discussion: The Senate concurred with the School of Biological Sciences’ decision to discontinue the B.S. in Plant Biology. CEP was confident that the one or two students currently majoring in Plant Biology could be accommodated with other existing majors.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the proposal to discontinue of the Plan Biology major [26 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstain].

Establishment of Human Biology Major
Issue: The School of Biological Sciences is proposing a new major to expand the view of human life sciences that will integrate humanities and social science courses into the Biological Sciences curriculum for a small group of students.

Discussion: There was discussion as to how much of an impact the new major would create on the supporting units, but the proposal was well vetted and supported by the units. It was noted that the major was a response to the needs of the undergraduate student population as a means to keep pace with the changing MCAT and other health profession standards.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the proposal to establish a major in Human Biology [27 in favor, 2 opposed]

Establishment of the B.S. in Cognitive Science
Issue: The Council on Educational Policy in consultation with CPB has completed its review of the proposal for a new B.S. in Cognitive Sciences in the School of Social Sciences. The new major is structured to give students an introduction to the broad field of Cognitive Sciences that is strongly grounded in theory and an empirical approach emphasizing experimental/computational methods.

Discussion: The new major is structured to give students an introduction to the broad field of Cognitive Sciences that is strongly grounded in theory and an empirical approach emphasizing experimental/computational methods. The impact on similar majors was foreseen to be negligible.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the proposal to establish a B.S. in Cognitive Science [31 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:

     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.

Discussion: There was much discussion over whether the revision was necessary and what costs, if any, would be incurred by the extra work necessary to accommodate the changes.
Action: The Assembly voted but did not have quorum to approve the proposal to revise Irvine Bylaws 35 and 158 majors [3 in favor, 16 opposed, 3 abstain].

13. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Attest: Peter Krapp, Chair-Elect