DIVISIONAL SENATE ASSEMBLY
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2015, 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 William Molzon at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the Academic Senate Conference Room, 338 Aldrich Hall. Members of the Administrative staff and members of the University community were present.

2. MINUTES:
Action: The minutes of October 30, 2014 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR WILLIAM MOLZON:

Senate Elections Start February 27: The notice of election including the candidate slate have been sent out.

Appointment of New Executive Director: Senate Chair Molzon welcomed Natalie B. Schonfeld to the Academic Senate as the newly appointed Executive Director. Prior to coming to the Senate, Natalie served as Director of Student Transition Services. Chair Molzon extended his gratitude to the Senate Staff, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, Joan Tenma, who served as Interim Executive Director, and to the search committee members-Alan Terricciano (chair), Scott Bollens, Roger Rangel, Maria Pantelia, Mary Beth Harhen (UCSC), Ruth Quinnan, and Jennifer Aaron. The chair also acknowledged Heike Rau, and Jiwon Kim for their diligence and support.

Cultural Research Grants: CORCL recently sent out the call inviting proposals for research projects and research-related travel for its Cultural Research Grants. Chair Molzon encouraged faculty to submit proposals for these grants; the submission deadline is March 18, 2015.

Negotiated Salary Trial Program (Joint Senate-Administration Committee): The goal of NSTP is to reduce demands on unrestricted funds for retention offers and make salaries more competitive. The increase in salary will satisfy the teaching, service, and research mission of the University. The Committee’s goal is to streamline the application review process and to collect information necessary to ensure that applicants satisfy requirements of good standing. The Committee also hopes to reduce reliance on state funds and pension offers, and allow for faculty to readily have access to research funds. More updates from the Committee will come in the following month.

3% Faculty and Staff Salary Increase: President Janet Napolitano recently proposed a 3% increase for all UC faculty and other non-represented academic personnel, excluding student employees and non-represented librarians as one of the highest priority items in the 2015-16 budget. This salary increase would take effect July 1, 2015. The Joint Senate-Administration Committee met earlier this year to consider how best to allocate these funds and recommended to Senate Chair Mary Gilly and Provost Aimee Dorr that two-thirds of the funding should be issued to faculty across the board on a base (or total) scale, and that one-third should go towards addressing equity issues. The Irvine Senate Cabinet recommended to System-wide that the 3% increase be made on the Irvine scale, without exclusion of “non-deserving” faculty. All recommendations are still being reviewed; the final decision will be made by President Napolitano.

Long-term Financial Stability Plan: Together with UC Board of Regents Chair Bruce Varner, President Janet Napolitano proposed this past fall that the University raise tuition up to 5% annually,
for five years in order to maintain the University’s ability to provide a UC quality education. Governor Jerry Brown does not support this plan, and vetoed a bill in the preceding year which would have provided additional resources to the University. The Governor believes that additional cost cutting should be done, including reducing university administrator salaries so that they be comparable to other state employees, not other comparable university administrators. The University points out that significant cost reductions have been made, that UC continued to accept students above the level for which the state is paying (in contrast to CSU which cut roughly 20,000 students). The University has also pointed out that the state is not contributing to UCRP whereas they are to the CSU retirement. The long-term stability plan will enable UCs to enroll 5,000 more California students over five years. The plan will also maintain UC’s robust financial aid program, through which more than half of all undergraduate students have all their tuition and fees fully covered. Similarly, the plan will fund high-priority investments in educational quality, including reductions in the student-faculty ratio, increased course offerings and a shorter time to degree. On behalf of the Irvine Division, Senate member James Steintrager has been appointed as the System-wide contact person for the campus.

**Self – Supporting Academic Programs (SSPs):** The Chancellor is committed to generating new sources of revenue for the campus, among them self-supporting graduate programs that are primarily aimed at a non-traditional audience, with an alternate means of delivery, and which make a compelling case for why they should not be a state supported program. Currently, there are 17 such programs being considered with 9 of these waiting for action of approval. The Graduate Council and the Council on Planning and Budget play a significant role in reviewing program proposals.

**System-wide Review Items:** The Academic Council has approved modifications to APM 080, APM 330, APM 133, APM 210 and APM 760.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR HOWARD GILLMAN:**

The search process for both the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs/ Dean of School of Medicine and the Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor are going well. It is anticipated that the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs/ Dean of the School of Medicine search process will be resolved in 3-4 weeks. The Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor search process is about a month behind; there is great enthusiasm for the candidate pool.

There will be an announcement about the formation of the search committee for the recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer/Associate Vice Chancellor for Medical Center Affairs. Terry Belmont will be remain in the position until a new candidate is in place, hopefully by July 1, 2015. The intention is for the new Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs/Dean of the School of Medicine to fully participate in the search process.

The CEO for the Medical Center will report to the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs/Dean of the School of Medicine. Both positions, however, will function in a strong partnership to ensure the full integration of the medical enterprise within UCI’s academic mission.

As a leading research university, UC Irvine’s academic medical enterprise development is being taken very seriously. Any innovations, stemming from funds for research expenditures, do affect a tremendous part of the campus’ contribution to service to the public and fulfillment of its research mission.

UC Irvine’s Chancellor Investiture is scheduled for March 31, 2015.
There was discussion about the research infrastructure and research expenditures. UCI currently earns $300 million, in comparison to UC San Diego at $1 billion, and UC Davis at $700 million in research funding. We want to make sure we’re making the right contribution to the research mission. Moving forward, there will be increased attention to our research infrastructure needs.

The Chancellor answered questions about the long-range stability plan and unfunded California students, noting that President Napolitano is fiercely protective of the broad mission of the public research university and the possibility that we may be asked to consider new educational delivery models in light of the changing student demographics and new educational opportunities for the University of California.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: None

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Annual Reports of Standing Committees 2013-14
   May be found on the Senate’s website at: http://senate.uci.edu/annual-reports/2013-14-annual-reports-2/

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:
- Committee on Committees
- Committee on Privilege and Tenure
- Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction
- Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards

Subcommittees & Boards:
- Assessment Committee
- Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Financial Aid
- Campuswide Honors Program Board
- 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 2014-15

   Distinguished Faculty Award for Research
   Kumar Wickramasinghe, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

   Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Research
   Chuansheng Chen, Department of Psychology and Social Behavior

   Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Research
   Ali Mortazavi, Department of Developmental and Cell Biology
Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching  
Matthew Beckmann, Department of Political Science

Distinguished Assistant Professor Award for Teaching  
Teresa A. Dalton, Department of Criminology, Law and Society

Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr. Distinguished University Service Award  
Andrea J. Tenner, Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

Distinguished Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service  
Jonathan Alexander, Department of English & Gender and Sexuality Studies

The consent calendar was accepted.

7. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

8. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: None

Proposed Revision of Irvine Bylaw 127, Scholarly Honors and Awards

**Issue:** The UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCIEA) has requested to transfer a Mentorship Award for active faculty from UCIEA to the Academic Senate. Inclusion of the award requires an update to Bylaw 127 which outlines the requirements for each of the eight major award categories. The Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards would like to propose a modification to the first section of the bylaw to allow for easier adoption of future awards.

**Discussion:** The Assembly had no dissenting comments.

**Motion:** The Assembly unanimously approved the proposal to revise Irvine Bylaw 127.

Proposed Revisions to School of Social Ecology Bylaws

**Issue:** The Senate has received for review a proposal for changes to the School of Social Ecology bylaws to accurately reflect the names of the departments. The Executive Committee of the School of Ecology (SE) formally requests a change to the School of Social Ecology Bylaws, under The Manual of The Irvine Division of The Academic Senate / Part III – Appendices of The Irvine Division / Appendix I Bylaws of the Faculties / Chapter X: School. The Council on Rules and Jurisdiction has reviewed the revisions to ensure the conformity of such proposed legislation with the Code of the Senate.

**Discussion:** The Assembly had no dissenting comments.

**Motion:** The Assembly unanimously endorsed the proposal to revise the School of Social Ecology Bylaws.

Proposed Adoption of Law School Bylaws

**Issue:** The Senate has received for review the revised draft of the Law School Bylaws proposed by the Faculty of the Law School. The changes largely involve issues of appointments, promotions, and merit actions. They have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Council on Academic Personnel and the Senate Cabinet. The Council on Rules and Jurisdiction has reviewed the proposed bylaws to ensure the conformity of such proposed legislation with the Code of the Senate.

**Discussion:** The Assembly had no dissenting comments.

**Motion:** The Assembly unanimously endorsed the proposal to adopt the Law School Bylaws.

**Academic Integrity Policy**
Issue: CSE was tasked with rewriting the Appendix VIII: UCI Academic Senate Policy on Academic Honesty in the Senate Manual to address issues of inconsistent administration across schools, lack of a clear appeals process for students, and a complex faculty reporting process. CSE recommends updating the current policy with the proposed draft.

Discussion: The Assembly raised the concern that there was not enough time allocated for a review of the proposed changes and a consensual vote on the action item.

Motion: The Assembly moved to postpone voting on the proposed revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy to the following meeting, scheduled for April 23, 2015

9. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS: None

10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

14. ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by: Wendy Chamorro
Attest: Alan Terricciano, Chair Elect-Secretary