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, April 23, 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 February 12, 2015 were approved as read.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR WILLIAM MOLZON:

   Academic Planning Group (APG):
   APG is currently working to develop a new ten-year strategic plan for the campus. The planning groups will be working on the development of the new strategic plan into the summer.

   APG is entering its second round of the High Impact Hiring Plan (HIHP) initiative. Senate Chair Molzon mentioned that this round of proposals is meant to encourage the broadest level of participation from all areas of the campus. APG is currently reviewing proposals on a rolling basis to assess whether the nominees meet the standard of quality and impact required by this initiative. Senate Chair Molzon announced that APG is also considering projects in the Interschool Academic Initiatives program, and successful proposals will receive funding of up to $150,000 a year for 3 years.

   ASUCI Flag Issue:
   Senate Chair Molzon communicated that he drafted a letter on behalf of the Senate about this issue. Senate Chair Molzon reported that he has met with one of the ASUCI leaders and will be talking with one of the other students soon, after which he will provide the ASUCI students leaders a hard copy of the letter.

   Academic Council Statement on Academic Freedom and Civility
   The Academic Council modified and endorsed a statement on Academic Freedom and Civility drafted by the University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF). The statement emphasizes the preeminent value of academic freedom and free speech in the context of recent efforts to encourage civil discourse on campus. Senate Chair Gilly requested that each campus disseminate the statement to their faculty and make it available on their respective Senate websites. The Senate will post the statement online alongside relevant sections from the APM.

   Visits by Governor’s Staff:
   Senate Chair Molzon advised that staff members from the Governor’s Office and the Department of Finance are continuing to tour the UC campuses. The staff members are also
expected to attend a portion of upcoming Senate committee meetings including the Academic Council, BOARS, UCEP, and UCPB.

**Health Care Plans:**
The Office of the President continues to study the feasibility of a self-funded UC Care HMO plan to replace the Health Net Blue and Gold HMO. The University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) and its Health Care Task Force think it is impractical to implement the HMO in 2016, but are cautiously open to a 2017 roll-out, as long as employees at all campuses have adequate access to care under the plan.

**Transfer Admission Pathway Project**
Senate Chair Molzon provided an update on the UC Transfer Admission Pathways Project. The goal of the project is to provide a clear set of standards for transfer admissions from any community college into any UC campus. Chair Molzon noted that the process for nominating faculty to participate in the project happened rather quickly and that the Senate had the opportunity to review the nominations to ensure faculty inclusion.

**UCI Diversity Games**
Senate Chair Molzon encouraged Cabinet members to participate in the Chancellor’s sponsored Anteater Equity Games taking place on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in Aldrich Park.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR HOWARD GILLMAN:**
Chancellor Gillman thanked all those who attended his investiture on March 31, 2015, and commended Senate Chair-elect Terricciano and the faculty from the Claire Trevor School of the Arts for their artistic contributions to the investiture.

Enrique Lavernia has been appointed Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, effective July 1. Lavernia is a renowned scientist who currently serves as Dean of the College of Engineering at UC Davis.

Howard Federoff has been appointed as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine effective July 1. Federoff is a nationally recognized clinical and research leader who currently serves as the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences and Executive Dean of the School of Medicine at Georgetown University.

The year-long search for the new Vice Provost for Teaching and Dean of Undergraduate Education is being finalized.

UC Irvine is in the position to increase faculty and student growth within the next 6 to 7 years. The Chancellor hopes to increase core faculty by approximately 22% and start to plan for increasing the number of students and the ways in which we deliver education.

The Chancellor notes that if UC Irvine wants to be in the top 20 research institutions, we have to increase research expenditures. UCI currently spends $300 million, in comparison to UC San Diego at $1 billion, and UC Davis at $750 million.

Under the leadership of Vice Provost for Academic Planning Judy Stepan-Norris, the Provost’s office has organized workgroups as part of the strategic planning process. The
output of these workgroups will lead to the drafting of a strategic planning document by the fall that will be distributed for comment and discussion in the coming year.

The Chancellor answered questions about the need for faculty FTEs in the School of Medicine. The Chancellor stated that we need to enhance the basic sciences and grow on the clinical side. He noted that the new Vice Chancellor will need to determine how best to build out the School of Medicine and the appropriate business plan to achieve these goals.

There was a discussion about the student faculty ratio in departments where student numbers are high and research dollars may not match those numbers. The Chancellor noted that we need to build where there is student interest and demand and that the modifications to the budget model last year reflects that commitment.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:** None

6. **SPECIAL ORDERS – CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

8. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** None

9. **MOTIONS BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY**

   **Proposed Revision to the Academic Integrity Policy**
   
   **Issue:** CSE was tasked with rewriting 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 has unanimously endorsed the proposed policy and recommends updating the current policy with the proposed draft.

   **Discussion:** Chair Glazer, from the Council on Student Experience, provided the Assembly with further information on the proposal and answered questions raised by some of the Assembly members about the policy and its implementation.

   **Motion:** The Assembly unanimously endorsed the proposal.

   **Proposal to Establish a 4+1 Degree in Art History**
   
   **Issue:** The Art History Department of the School of Humanities is proposing the addition of a terminal Master’s degree to the existing BA program. The Council on Educational Policy reviewed and approved the undergraduate portion of the degree proposal. Graduate Council reviewed and approved the graduate portion of the degree proposal. The Council on Planning and Budget endorsed the financial plan.

   **Discussion:** Invited guests, Professor Bert Winther-Tamaki and Graduate Academic Programs Manager Kate Triglia provided the Assembly with further information on the proposal.

   **Motion:** The Assembly unanimously endorsed the proposal.
Proposal to Establish a BS in Data Science

Issue: The Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science is proposing a new Bachelor of Science in Data Science. This new major will be established in the Department of Statistics with the faculty in the Department of Computer Science offering several courses in the program. The Council on Educational Policy has reviewed and endorsed the proposal. The Council on Budget and Planning has reviewed and endorsed the financial plan.

Discussion: Invited guest, Professor Padhraic Smyth, provided the Assembly with further background on the proposal.

Motion: The Assembly unanimously endorsed the proposal.

10. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

13. NEW BUSINESS: None

14. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by: Wendy Chamorro
Attest: Alan Terricciano, Chair Elect-Secretary