DIVISIONAL SENATE ASSEMBLY
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, October 30, 2014, 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, October 30, 2014, at 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 May 29, 2014 were approved.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR WILLIAM MOLZON:

Total Remuneration Study: As part of an ongoing effort to assess market competitiveness of total remuneration packages for general campus Faculty, The University of California Office of the President asked the firm Mercer to collect, analyze, and summarize both compensation and benefits data, and prepare a presentation on study findings. More information on the study can be found online at [http://compensation.universityofcalifornia.edu/total-remuneration-ladder-rank-faculty-2014.pdf](http://compensation.universityofcalifornia.edu/total-remuneration-ladder-rank-faculty-2014.pdf).

BOARS Proposal to Adjust the Eligibility Requirement: The Board on Admissions and Relations with Schools is studying the possibility of changing the requirements to be “guaranteed” admission to UC from the top 9% of students in the state plus the top 9% in the high school to the top 7% state and local. The motivation is to decrease the number of students who are not accepted at one of their campuses and wind up in the referral pool, from which only Merced now accepts students. Nearly all students in the referral pool choose to not go to UC. There is some concern that this policy would have the appearance of negatively impacting mostly under-represented minority students. The possible change is still under review.

Long-range Financial Stability: There is a system-wide discussion about the commitment from Governor Brown to increase the State’s support for UC by 4% for each of the next 5 years. The University believes that this increase is not sufficient to maintain the standards of the University with additional sources of support. Additional support could come from a tuition and fee increase, increased enrollment of non-resident students, or additional State funds.

International Students: The number of UC admitted international students has grown over the last three years, with some campuses bringing in above 20%. Approximately 11.4% of UCI’s incoming class consists of international students. In response to a question about placing caps on either Campus or total UC international student fractions, Provost Dorr stated that it would be unlikely that the UC fraction would go above 20% even without constraints. UCOP may institute a policy sometime in the coming year.

Research Support at UCOP: The whole of the organization of the UCOP is being reviewed during the year. One area of concern for the Senate is how the office that supports research (for example the UC Observatories) is organized and to whom it reports. This issue is related to efforts to give more prominence to technology transfer and commercialization of University research. It is also related to the support for graduate education. This discussion is at its early stages and will continue into the year.
**UC Investment Fund:** UCOP has announced that a small portion ($250M) of the $90B UC Investment Fund will be allocated to a pool allocated to investing in small companies associated with UC in some way, e.g. start-ups resulting from Faculty research. Some concern has been expressed about the impact of this and other efforts at increased commercialization of UC research on, for example, choices of research areas to support. The success of the program will be judged on its investment returns.

**Negotiated Salary Trial Program:** The NSTP program has been in place for two years and roughly 45 Faculty have participated each year, with many participating both years. There will be a joint Senate-Administration committee, to review the guidelines for participation in the program in the coming year.

**Non-resident Graduate Supplemental Tuition:** UCI is beginning to institute a strategy to reimburse to qualifying funding sources (e.g. Federal grants) the non-resident supplemental graduate tuition that is paid for non-resident graduate students. The reimbursement would apply to years 2-4 of the graduate student’s tenure. This approach would make international students effectively equivalent to non-California graduate students in terms of the cost to grants of GS tuition. The UCI policy will be implemented for students entering Fall 2015.

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

The Chancellor joined an ongoing discussion of managing budgets and its effect on resident vs. non-resident students. He reminded the Assembly that UC and CSU have taken two different approaches to managing the budget shortage through undergraduate student enrollments. UC maintained resident student levels even in the face of decreasing state support, while CSU decreased their student body by 22,000. The Chancellor indicated that the issue of tuition and non-resident vs. resident student numbers will be a topic of discussion in the coming months.

The Chancellor discussed ongoing recruitments for the Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs/Dean of the Medical School and for the Provost. He solicited comments on the Provost search, in particular on whether the needs of the Campus had changed since the last search.

Members requested an update on the Dean SOM/VC for Health Affairs search. For a variety of reasons, the current search is for a single person to fill both roles, although that might evolve after a few years. The Chancellor emphasized that we need to increase research funding and the SOM will need to do its part.

In response to a question about attempts to make UCI the first choice among a larger number of undergraduate students, the Chancellor discussed the need to emphasize the quality, in all its facets, of all of our community, including undergraduates. He described some internal discussions that are expected to have a wider audience sometime in winter quarter.

A member commented on the Chancellor’s public support for the Arts and asked about what else might be done. The Chancellor said his hope is that the campus can work to broaden its relationships with community organizations, not only in the Arts, but also more broadly. For example the School of the Arts can begin founding relationships with Orange County’s art organizations, the Pacific Symphony for example. The Chancellor is motivated to build these relationships out of concern that the University’s work goes unseen or unnoticed in nearby
communities. The goal is to build strong relationships in order to have an impact on the many dimensions of the region, as the future of UCI is tied to the future of the county. The Chancellor discussed the Institute for Innovation as another example of this outreach; other areas might have to do with K-12 education, health, and sustainability.

In response to a question, the Chancellor emphasized that the Campus must be willing to make choices on growth areas, that we cannot do everything, nor can we simply copy what other institutions are doing.

The Chancellor discussed the Interschool Initiatives and High Impact Hiring programs and described some changes that would help to make the proposal process easier and hopefully broaden the range of units that can benefit from 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: None

Proposed Revision of Irvine Bylaw 85, Council on Educational Policy

Issue: The Senate has reviewed and endorsed the proposed revision of Bylaw 85 as presented by the Council on Educational Policy (CEP). CEP has proposed to disestablish the Faculty Board for Undecided/Undeclared Students, a subcommittee of CEP. The subcommittee rarely meets and the work of the board functions as orientation sessions on the U/U program and does not discuss policy. CEP has confirmed that policy discussions related to the U/U program and U/U students are currently addressed by the Council and its subcommittees (Policy and SCOC).
Discussion: None
Action: The Assembly approved the proposal.

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: The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Attest: Alan Terricciano, Chair Elect-Secretary
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