DIVISIONAL SENATE ASSEMBLY
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 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 Division Chair Peter Krapp at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 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:
Chair Krapp noted that any corrections to the minutes may be sent to the Senate office for amendment.
Action: The minutes of January 30 were approved with amendment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR PETER KRAPP:
50th Anniversary: UCI will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a year-long celebration, set to kick-off with the 2014 commencement - with special keynote speaker, President Obama. The ceremony will comprise undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in a unified celebration to be held at Angel Stadium, Saturday June 14, 2014.

Chancellor Advisory Search: President Napolitano has selected the search committee and plans to present the new Chancellor at the September Regents Meeting.

Campus Climate Survey: The results of the survey will be posted publicly after the March Regents meeting. The Senate had expected to receive about 300 pages of data before it is posted, and to be part of the campus response, but that did not happen, although Provost Aimee Dorr had indicated that each Divisional Senate should assist their respective Chancellor’s office in framing a response.

Composite Benefit Rates: The first phase of the Composite Benefit Rates will be implemented on January 1, 2015, despite the fact that there are still complications. UCI will be in the third phase.

Metrics: The Governor and the Regents are pressuring the campuses to develop performance metrics by which UCs, CSUs, and community colleges would be evaluated.

Transfer Admissions: President Napolitano plans to increase our transfer applications as the systemwide amount of applications has not increased this year. UC transfer students tend to come from less than a third of the 120+ community colleges. This may be related to misinformation, and poor counseling at the community colleges.

Retirement Fund: Currently, the UC pension plan is only 75% funded, and the $11.7B liability continues to increase as we contribute at the rate of 14% from the employer and 8% from the employee. The actuarial projection would look far better at 18% employer and 8% employee contributions, but the Council of EVCs are opposed to an above 14% employer contribution as it would reduce their operating funds. The Systemwide Taskforce on Investment and Retirement (TFIR) presented a plan of borrowing cheaply now to put $2 billion into the UCRS. Even if the employer contribution rate increased to 16% by 2041 there would still be a sizeable deficit.

Budget: LAO released its Analysis of the Higher Education Budget report earlier this month. Their plan called for $44 million increase over the Governor’s plan for the UC. The plan also called for tuition increases to cover the rising costs of university expenses.
UCI Foundation: Provost Gillman and the Advancement Office are transforming the philanthropic efforts of the campus into a more decentralized structure, and adding up to 18 new employees, at an up front cost of about $5 million.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHANCELLOR MICHAEL DRAKE:

Budget: The Governor continues to support the University. He attends the Regents meetings actively. He proposed to increase the UC budget by 5%, and by another 5% next year, if UC does not raise tuition.

Admissions: This year UCI saw another marked increase in applications to over 80,000, and continues to become more selective, admitting about 30%. UCI also saw the largest percentage increase of African American and Latino applicants in the system. The higher quality and quantity of the application pool are great indicators of how UCI is continuing to increase its quality.

Academic Analytics: UCI tied for 8th place in the amount of quality publications produced out of 62 AAU universities. UCI’s citation index is improving, and the campus is increasing its ratings internationally.

High Impact Hiring: More than 35 inter-school excellence and high impact hiring proposals were submitted. The Academic Planning Group is currently reviewing those proposals.

Dean Searches: The Medical School Dean search has been accelerated. The Business school search is going very well with a large applicant pool containing dozens of viable candidates. Hopefully the position will be filled by the end of the summer, but more details will be known in April.

Chancellor Search: Interviews will take place in August, with an announcement at the September Regents meeting. Everything has lined up to have the search done quickly and efficiently to ease the transition.

Commencement: Last spring President Obama was invited to be a guest speaker for the 2014 commencement on Saturday June 14. Campus considered building structures on campus, but it was soon apparent that the budget would not allow for funding of necessary infrastructure modifications. Renting Angel Stadium was decided as a better solution as it already has the infrastructure and security, so it would prove to be a much less expensive endeavor. Along with President Obama, Governor Brown and UCOP President Napolitano were invited. The school-based events will be held on Sunday June 15 and Monday June 16 on campus. As always the events will be free. Please check the commencement website for more details: [http://www.commencement.uci.edu/](http://www.commencement.uci.edu/)

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:

Establishment of the Department of Plastic Surgery

Issue: The Senate has completed its review of the proposal to establish a Department of Plastic Surgery in the School of Medicine. The Council on Academic Personnel (CAP) and the Council on Planning & Budget (CPB) provided comments on the proposal.

Discussion: The Assembly did not present additional questions related to the proposal.

Action: The Assembly voted to approve the proposal to establish a B.S. in Exercise Science. [25 in favor, 3 opposed, 4 abstain]

9. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS: None

10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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

12. NEW BUSINESS:

13. ROLL CALL: Attendance Sheet

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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Attest: Peter Krapp, Chair