MEETING
A regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly was called to order by Chair Alan Terricciano at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015, in the Academic Senate Conference Room, 338 Aldrich Hall. Members of the Administrative staff and members of the University community were present.

1. Roll Call Quorum was met

2. Proposal to Establish a B.A. and Minor in Global Middle East Studies
An Executive Steering Committee comprised of faculty in the Schools of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Social Ecology is proposing a new Bachelor of Arts and Minor in Global Middle East Studies (GMES). This new major will be housed in the Department of Classics. An Executive Steering Committee will administer both the major and minor. The Council on Educational Policy has reviewed and approved the BA and minor. The Council on Planning and Budget declined to endorse the proposal. Representatives from the School of Humanities were present to further explain the proposal and answer questions raised by Assembly members.

Action: The Assembly voted 35 to 3 to approve the proposal.

3. Special Orders- Consent Calendar
   a. Proposal to Revise School of Humanities Bylaws
   b. Proposal to Amend the HSSoE Bylaws

Action: The Assembly voted 38 to 1 to approve the proposal.

4. Announcements by Chair Alan Terricciano
   a. 2015 Senate Retreat
   Chair Terricciano shared a working document of the action items generated from the 2015 Senate Retreat. This document is available on the Senate’s online Document Management System.

   The complete agenda can be accessed here:
   http://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/committees/council/
c. **Budget Framework Initiatives**
Chair Terricciano communicated that the Academic Council has devoted a great deal of attention to the fourteen budget framework initiatives (BFI) negotiated by the Governor and President of the UC. Chair Terricciano went on to note the need for expedited consultation by the Senate in order to remain relevant in university decision-making. Academic Senate Chair Dan Hare recommended that campuses recognize the budget framework initiatives as requests for information and an opportunity for UC to document for the legislature the current status of issues mentioned in the budget framework. Senate Chair Terricciano noted that all the initiatives have proposed deadlines and that the UC is expected to report back to the State Budget Office on the BFI efforts.

d. **Senate Awards on November 9, 2015**
Senate Chair Terricciano reminded the Cabinet of the upcoming Senate Awards on Monday, November 9, 2015. He urged everyone to attend.

e. **UCI Strategic Plan**
Chair Terricciano encouraged Assembly members to prepare questions for the Provost on the UCI strategic plan working documents.

5. **Announcements by Other Administrative Officers:** *None*

6. **Remarks by Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor Enrique Lavernia**
The discussion of the Assembly focused on the UCI Strategic Plan. Provost Lavernia stated that the Strategic Plan working documents are being updated often and encouraged Assembly members to participate in the WikiSurvey and to help engage other faculty in the process.

Provost Lavernia answered questions about the anticipated engagement the Senate will have in moving the Strategic Plan forward. It was noted that the Academic Planning Group (APG) is currently working on how to get more faculty involvement.

Some Assembly members raised concerns about the difficulty of filling out the Wiki Survey and providing input on the Strategic Plan in general. Provost Lavernia assured the members that the WikiSurvey’s comment box option is checked nightly and all considered comments are brought forward to APG.

The Provost answered questions about the lack of attention to low-income and first generation students in the Strategic Plan noting that there is substantial investment being made in these students. Under Michael Dennin, the Division of Undergraduate Education is currently working on devising strategies to support first generation low income students and looking at holistic approaches to engage the entire student body.

In response to questions about Health Sciences, the Provost noted the importance of growth in both basic and clinical research and reported that the Provost, Vice Chancellor
and Dean Federoff, and Interim Vice Chancellor Hicks are scheduled to meet to talk about the future of the Health enterprise on campus.

7. Reports of Special Committees: None
8. Reports of Standing Committees: None
9. Petitions of Students: None
10. Unfinished Business: None
11. University and Faculty Welfare: None
12. New Business: None

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Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.
Minutes Prepared by Wendy Chamorro
Attest: William Parker, Chair Elect-Secretary