Irvine Division of the Academic Senate
Annual Report 2019-2020

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Chair's Summary

As you might imagine, the 2019-20 academic year turned out to be a busy one for the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate. Our various councils and committees convened some 185 times for regularly scheduled meetings, yet this number barely captures the participation of Senate members in ad hoc deliberations, information sessions, special meetings, and administrative crisis-management groups as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded. Let me begin, however, with a few important items of what we might retrospectively label "business as usual." During the course of the year, the Senate reviewed and approved the establishment of a new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, reviewed and approved a Doctor of Pharmacy program for said school, as well as vetted and endorsed departmental transfers, consolidations, and establishments in the Program in Public Health. These were all important steps in the creation of the Susan and Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences. We considered and commented on thirteen systemwide reviews, including proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership, the report of the Standardized Testing Task Force, and proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Protection of Human Subjects in Research. We reviewed and endorsed six new endowed chairs, and we did much else besides.

The Fall Quarter saw the start of a newly configured Academic Planning Group (APG), a joint Senate-Administration committee that is advisory to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor. Considerably smaller than the previous incarnation of the APG and more focused on establishing and coordinating high-level task groups, the general sense of those involved in the change was that the new APG was mainly a success but that the group needed to be expanded somewhat to ensure a diversity of views and voices. This expansion and diversification has been implemented for 2020-21. The past year's chief APG topics and the foci of individual task groups were data use and privacy, self-supporting graduate professional degree programs, and the relative advantages and disadvantages of quarter versus semester systems. As a result of the work of APG core members and task groups, the Provost has been provided with numerous recommendations and extensive reports: ideas for better monitoring who has access to data generated on campus and how such data gets used; analyses that provide a better understanding of self-supporting program finances and how to maintain the fiscal firewall between self-supporting and state-supported programs. The quarters-versus-semesters task group, amid the pandemic upheaval, decided that the moment was inopportune to contemplate a significant scheduling change. The preliminary work of the group has been archived, however, for future reference.

During the winter quarter, key councils of our divisional Academic Senate began their reviews of various proposals related to the establishment and configuration of the College of Health Sciences. There was considerable back-and-forth between the Senate and proposers, and it was my sense that all parties felt that the proposals had been improved in the process. In late February, the Senate held its annual awards event to honor eight outstanding colleagues for their contributions to research, service, teaching, and mentorship. This was our second year holding the event in the Newkirk Alumni Center and of generally aiming to elevate the profile

and presentation of the awards ceremony. Feedback and attendance suggest that we are very much on the right track. Of course, only a few weeks later, an in-person event of the sort became unthinkable—temporarily, we trust. The Senate turned rapidly to negotiating the abrupt switch to remote learning, suspended research, and multiple other ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By the beginning of the Spring Quarter, most all of us were working from home, with exceptions for the "essential," including researchers whose work bears directly on the public health crisis. In the Senate, we continued with our regular schedule of council and committee meetings, as we learned to vote by "little blue hand" and otherwise adapt to our new virtual reality. During this quarter and in relation to COVID-19, the Senate promulgated exceptional policies on pass/not pass grading options for undergraduates, made procedurally important distinctions between remote and online courses, and addressed a number of issues related to graduate education, including admissions and grading flexibility. Senate faculty representatives as well as Senate staff were also actively engaged in the work of numerous administrative committees and response teams. Because these committees and teams are not Senate bodies, they don't show up in our accounting below, but you should know that we had and continue to have a strong voice on groups such as the Provost's COVID-19 Strategic Advisory Group, the COVID-19 Budget Work Group, the Campus Recovery Implementation Team, task forces dedicated to educational continuity for undergraduates and for graduate students, to restarting research, as well as to symptom checking, contact tracing, travel risk review, and more. As chair of the Academic Senate during this tumultuous time, let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the Administration's willingness—indeed, eagerness—to involve the Senate across the board as part of the campus's crisis response. For me, the culmination of this collaboration was the virtual town hall that the Academic Senate hosted and at which the Chancellor, Interim Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning took questions from faculty, addressed our concerns, and took onboard our advice about a phased return to the campus.

Let me conclude with a few observations about the Senate's current and future role in what we might call the standing crisis of our nation: the various and unevenly distributed failures of representation, inclusion, community, and safety. 2019-20 saw the first full year of operations of the Academic Senate's new Council on Equity and Inclusion (CEI). While it's clearly important for the Senate to have a committee of this sort, it was also important to hear the chair of CEI remind Senate leadership and other Cabinet members that the work of supporting equity and inclusion falls to all of us and cuts across all of our committees. Along these lines, the Academic Senate has committed its full and broad support to the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion's recently launched Black Thriving Initiative. We have strengthened ties between the Senate and the Public Safety Advisory Committee, adding a dedicated Senate representative to the group to ensure communication and coordination as we work to change the culture and nature of policing on campus and in the community. We have been and will continue to work with the Office of Academic Personnel to address career impacts of the COVID-19 disruption over both the short and long runs, with particular attention to the unequal distribution of these impacts. Within the Senate, we have instituted a number of procedural changes intended to diversify membership on our councils and committees and to ensure that our representative bodies are truly representative.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as Senate Chair during this unusual academic year. My thanks go out to the Academic Senate staff, to all the chairs and members of councils, committees, boards, subcommittees, Cabinet, and Assembly, and to all of my Senate

colleagues whose hard work and dedication under difficult circumstances have helped to prove the good of shared governance.

Sincerely,

James Steintrager
Chair, 2019-20
Academic Senate, Irvine Division

List of Cabinet and Assembly Activities

Temporary Policy Changes due to COVID-19
- [Undergraduate Pass/Not Pass Grading Options for Spring Quarter 2020](#) (March 26, 2020)
- [UCI Academic Senate Statement on Graduate Admissions](#) (April 2020)
- [Approval of Online Courses](#) (May 19, 2020)
- [Temporary Suspension of Senate Regulation 935. Final Examinations](#) (May 20, 2020)
- [Guidelines for Waiving Prerequisites for Students Affected by COVID-19 Course Cancellations](#) (May 20, 2020)
- [Guidance on Flexibility for Graduate Course Offerings](#) (May 20, 2020)
- [Undergraduate Pass/Not Pass Grading Options for Summer Session 2020](#) (May 21, 2020)
- [Council on Educational Policy Review of Final Exam Policy](#) (May 26, 2020)
- [Graduate Council Guidance on Grading for Academic Year 2020-2021](#) (June 11, 2020)

Undergraduate Programs
No new undergraduate programs were proposed during AY 2019-20.

State-Supported Graduate Programs
- Approved the creation of a Doctor of Pharmacy from the planned School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (4/7/20) (4/21/20) (5/7/20)

Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs)
- Approved the discontinuance of the Healthcare Executive MBA Program (4/21/20)

Establishment, Transfer, Consolidation, and Disestablishment of Departments
- Approved transfer of Department of Epidemiology from the School of Medicine to the Program in Public Health (5/5/20) (5/19/20) (6/4/20)
- Approved proposal for a new Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (5/5/20) (5/19/20) (6/4/20)
- Approved proposal for a new Department of Health, Society, and Behavior (5/5/20) (5/19/20) (6/4/20)

Establishment of Schools
- Approved the establishment of a new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (4/7/20) (4/21/20) (5/7/20)

Degree, Department, and School Name Changes
- Approved name change of the Department of Epidemiology to the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics (5/5/20) (5/19/20) (6/4/20)
- Approved name change of the undergraduate major in Computer Game Science to Game Design and Interactive Media (6/16/20)

Endowed Chairs

- Conditionally endorsed the Howard A. Schneiderman Endowed Chair in the School of Biological Sciences (12/3/19)
- Endorsed the Shri Parshvanath Presidential Chair in Jain Studies (1/21/20)
- Endorsed transfer of the Robert Gumbiner Endowed Chair in Health Care Management from the Paul Merage School of Business to the School of Medicine (1/21/20)
- Endorsed an amendment to the Leopold Chair in Ophthalmology (1/21/20)
- Endorsed the Ferdowsi Chair in Zoroastrian Studies (4/21/20) (5/19/20) (6/2/20)
- Endorsed the Endowed Chair in Medical Humanities in the School of Medicine (6/2/20) (6/16/20)

Systemwide Reviews

- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM Section 230, Visiting Appointments (10/1/19)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM Section 3-60H (10/1/19)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation (10/15/19) (6/16/20)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership (12/3/19)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM 240, Deans & 246, Conflict of Commitment and Outside Activities of Family Members (2/4/20)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM 120, Emerita/Emeritus Titles (2/4/20)
- Forwarded comments on the report from the Working Group on Comprehensive Access (2/18/20)
- Forwarded comments on Concerns Regarding the Use of Research Information Management Systems at the University of California Report (3/3/20)
- Forwarded comments on BOARS Recommendation to Eliminate the SAT-ACT Essay (3/17/20)
- Forwarded comments on the Standardized Testing Task Force Report (3/17/20)
- Forwarded comments on the proposed Presidential Policy on Gender Recognition and Lived Name (4/7/20)
- Forwarded comments on the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research (5/19/20)
- Forwarded comments on the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Travel Regulations (5/19/20)
- Declined to opine on the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Seismic Safety (6/16/20)

Divisional Bylaws, Regulations, and Appendices

- Continued discussions over proposed modifications to Appendix III (11/15/19) (1/21/20) (4/14/20)

- Approved modifications to Bylaw 90. Equity and Inclusion, Council on (11/15/19) (12/5/19)
  The modifications updated the title of one of the ex officio members, whose position had been elevated to Vice Chancellor, and replaced a current ex officio member, the Vice Provost for Academic Planning, with the Vice Provost of Academic Personnel.
- Approved modifications to Bylaw 127. Scholarly Honors and Awards, Committee on (1/21/20) (1/30/20)
  The modifications gave the Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards, in consultation with the Senate Chair, the ability to modify award names and add new awards without needing to update its bylaws each time.
- Discussed modifications to Appendix I: Chapter I. The Paul Merage School of Business (1/21/20) (5/5/20)
- Approved modifications to Bylaw 138. Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience, Council on (4/21/20) (5/7/20)
  The modifications increased membership on the Board of Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Financial Aid (BUSHFA) from 10 to 12 and changed ex-officio members from the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning to a representative from those offices.
- Approved modifications to Appendix I: Chapter V. The Henry Samueli School of Engineering (6/16/20)
  The modifications clarify the voting membership of standing committees within The Henry Samueli School of Engineering.
- Discussed conforming changes to Regulation 635, The School of Social Ecology
  The change updated the name of the B.A. in Psychology & Social Behavior to the B.A. in Psychological Science.

Campus Policy Reviews
- Conditionally endorsed SCIE review of Interim Policy and Procedures for Student International Activities (12/3/19)
- Discussed Interim Policy on Emotional Support Animals in Housing (3/3/20)
- Approved a pilot Academic Personnel program for institutional reference checks for tenure-track faculty positions (4/7/20) (6/2/20)
- Conditionally endorsed a proposed Academic Personnel policy addressing conflict of interest on search committees (6/16/20)

Senate Policies and Procedures
- Discussed updated CAP Tentative Decision protocol (10/15/19)
- Councils made decisions on making their agendas and minutes public (11/5/19) (2/4/20)
- Discussed CEP review of a potential policy regarding students obtaining faculty approval to record lectures (1/21/20)
- Approved option to keep local control of conferral of emeritus status in light of revisions to APM 120, Emerita/Emeritus Titles (2/18/20)

- Approved recommendations based upon AIRB review of Public Posting of Course Materials (2/18/20)
- Approved a policy for English Proficiency Certification for International Teaching Assistants/Associates (4/7/20)
- Forwarded comments on the Graduate Council's recommendation for SSGPDP students to serve as Teaching Assistants (4/21/20
- Endorsed revisions to the Senate Conflict of Interest and Recusal Policy (5/5/20) (6/16/20)
- Discussed a Committee on Committees proposal to increase diversity in Senate service (6/16/20)

New Initiatives
- Forwarded comments on the pros and cons of quarters vs. semesters to the task group on the subject convened by APG (3/3/20)
- Endorsed implementation of new Student Course Feedback Form (5/5/20)

Academic Program Review
- Endorsed Graduate Council/Council on Planning and Budget Subcommittee three-year reviews of the Master of Human-Computer Interaction and Design and the Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology (6/2/20)

Presentations
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor for Research Pramod Khargonekar to give members an update on government concerns about foreign influence on intellectual property and national security (10/1/19)
- Welcomed former Provost Enrique Lavernia to discuss the Enrollment Management and Budget Model Work Groups, the Academic Planning Group, plans for faculty hiring, items of interest to the UC Board of Regents, and faculty housing (11/5/19)
- Welcomed Interim Chief Information Officer Kian Colestock and Instructional Technology Support Manager Erik Kelly to present the Office of Information Technology's future campus IT roadmap (11/5/19)
- Welcomed ADA Coordinator Andrew Berk to present his vision for accessibility at UCI (11/19/19) (12/5/19)
- Welcomed SCIE Chair Zuzana Bic and Vice Provost for Global Affairs Victoria Jones to discuss the SCIE review of the Interim Policy and Procedures for Student International Travel (12/3/19)
- Welcomed Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning Michael Dennin to discuss use of data related to the Mellon grant (12/3/19)
- Welcomed UCPath Manager of Change, Communications, and Training Debbie Kistler and Director of Academic Personnel Jean Chin to discuss UCI's transition to UCPath (12/5/19)
- Welcomed Systemwide Senate Chair Kum-Kum Bhavnani and Systemwide Senate Vice Chair Mary Gauvain to present on the UC Presidential search, budgetary issues, and the Standardized Testing Task Force (12/17/19)

- Welcomed Professors Matthew Foreman and Kevork Abazajian to discuss concerns surrounding UCI's proposed video surveillance policy (12/17/19)
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Brian Hervey to update members on the progress of the UCI Brilliant Future Campaign (1/30/20)
- Welcomed Vice Provost of Graduate Education Gillian Hayes and Senior Director of Graduate Admissions & Academic Affairs Ruth Quinnan to share goals of and updates from the Graduate Division (1/30/20)
- Welcomed former Provost Enrique Lavernia, Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Richard Demerjian to discuss faculty housing (2/4/20)
- Welcomed Vice Provost for Academic Planning Hal Stern to discuss APG membership changes and diversity concerns (2/18/20)
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor of Information, Technology & Data Tom Andriola to introduce himself to members and discuss his role (3/3/20)
- Welcomed Interim Provost Hal Stern to discuss campus budgetary, hiring, and instructional concerns in light of COVID-19 (5/5/20) (5/7/20)
- Welcomed Professor Emeritus and UCRS Advisory Board Representative David Brownstone to discuss potential changes to and challenges facing UC retirement benefits (5/7/20)
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Doug Haynes to discuss the results of the Campus Climate Survey (5/19/20)
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Willie Banks to introduce himself to members and discuss his role (5/19/20)
- Welcomed Interim Provost Hal Stern to discuss campus budgetary issues, fall instructional plans, and staffing issues in light of COVID-19 (6/2/20)
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Patty Morales to discuss enrollment management and admissions issues in light of COVID-19 (6/2/20)
- Welcomed Graduate Council Chair-Elect Arvind Rajaraman to discuss the GC/CPB Subcommittee Three-Year Review of two SSGPDPs (6/2/20)
- Welcomed Vice Chancellor for Research Pramod Khargonekar to provide members with an update on the research ramp-up (6/4/20)
- Welcomed UCI Police Chief Liz Griffin to discuss policing on campus and the Public Safety Advisory Committee (6/4/20)

Consultation Requests
- Forwarded comments on the 2020-2025 Five Year Planning Perspective (5/19/20)

Other
- Issued statement on FBI report entitled "China: The Risk to Academia" (10/1/19)
- Recommended degree conferral for student under special circumstances (12/3/19)
- Discussed issues surrounding campus policing (6/16/20)

Other Senate Activities
The following summarizes other Divisional Senate activities that took place during 2019-2020.

Academic Personnel
- Review of 402 actions as new cases and approximately 100 reviews for files returning with additional information (~500 reviews in total).
- Contributed to the development of new policies for faculty academic personnel reviews, including those affected by COVID-19.
- Communicated policies and procedures of the academic personnel process in partnership with Academic Personnel via eight school visits and three workshops attended by over 200 campus members per event. In addition, CAP chair initiated six meetings with individual deans, and five meetings with various campus faculty and administrator groups.
- 18 CAP meetings were held via Zoom. All assigned cases were reviewed with no case carry-forward.

Academic Program Review
- 1 year follow-up review: School of Education and Program in Public Health
- 4 year follow-up review: The Henry Samueli School of Engineering
- 7-year follow-up review: School of Humanities

Collaborations with the Administration
- Academic Planning Group
  - Task Group on Quarters vs. Semesters
  - Task Group on Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs
  - Task Group on Data Use

Events
- Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards – February 19, 2020
- Town Hall on Return to Campus – June 11, 2020

Faculty Grievances and Discipline
- Informally advised faculty on rights and privileges, grievance process, and campus resources

Nominations
- UCI Public Safety Committee
- Student Fee Advisory Committee
- Peer Review Committee
- Ad Hoc Review Committee for Administrative Review of Dean for DUE and VPTL
- Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)
- UC President Search Academic Advisory Committee
- Systemwide Task Force on Online Undergraduate Degrees
- Systemwide Extending Diversity Task Force
- UCDC Academic Advisory Committee
- Oliver Johnson Award
- Peer Review Committee (2nd request)
- Editorial Committee - Middle Eastern Studies
- Editorial Committee - Latin American History

- Editorial Committee - Economics
- Editorial Committee - Information Studies
- UC Retirement System (UCRS) Advisory Board
- Stewardship Review of the UC Irvine Chancellor
- UC Global Climate Leadership Council (GCLC)
- California Air Resources Board's Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants - Toxicology
- California Air Resources Board's Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants - Epidemiology
- California Air Resources Board's Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants - Occupational Medicine
- Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (2nd request)
- Shared Library Facilities Board (SLFB)
- UCRJ Ex-Officio
- Climate Crisis Task Force (CCTF)
- School of Engineering Dean Advisory Search Committee
- Ad Hoc Review Committee for the Administrative Review of Dean of ICS
- NAGPRA Committees (1 Systemwide Committee and 6 Campus Committees)
- Unit 18 Review Committee
- Ad Hoc Review Committee for the Administrative Review of Dean of the Arts
- University Committee on Planning and Budget's Task Force on Agriculture and Natural Resources (TF-ANR)
- UC Standardized Admissions Test - Feasibility Study Work Group
- Provost Search Committee
- School of Social Ecology Dean Advisory Search Committee

Research Center and Institute Reviews
- Atmospheric Integrated Research (AirUCI)
- Center for Complex Biological Systems (CCBS)
- Newkirk Center for Science and Society
- Institute for Immunology (IFI)
- Health Policy Research Institute (HPRI)
- Center for Critical Korean Studies (CCKS)

Student Grievances and Appeals
- 17 completed academic integrity appeal reviews; 11 appeals pending summer review

Task Forces
- [Task Force on Student Supplemental Costs](#) (recommendations submitted May 2020)
- Task Force on English Proficiency for Teaching Assistants (recommendations approved as [policy](#); will be implemented by Graduate Division in fall 2020)