

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

April 15, 2015

MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Pursuant to the call, the Assembly of the Academic Senate met on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Academic Senate Chair Mary Gilly presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Senate Director Hilary Baxter called the roll of Assembly members and confirmed a quorum. Attendance is listed in Appendix A of these minutes.

II. MINUTES

ACTION: Assembly approved the minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting as noticed.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

▪ **Mary Gilly**

Transfer Streamlining Initiative: The Senate and UCOP are scheduling meetings of campus representatives from several majors to identify a single set of lower division coursework for California Community College transfer students to follow as preparation for admission in each major at all nine UC campuses. Ten majors have been selected for work this year. Representatives from four life sciences majors met in Oakland on April 7 and groups representing three natural sciences and three social sciences majors will meet on April 16 and 22 respectively. The goal is to provide clearer pathways for transfers who want to prepare for multiple UC and CSU campuses in the same major, ensure that transfers arrive at UC better prepared, and demonstrate to legislators UC's commitment to the transfer path. It is expected that completion of a particular transfer pathway will ensure that an applicant with a competitive GPA is competitive for admission and prepared to graduate from a UC campus two years after matriculation.

March Regents Meeting: The Regents received an update on the "Committee of Two" meetings between the Governor and President Napolitano, and the UCB Chancellor and UCB Senate Chair made a joint presentation, requested by Regent Kieffer, on the origins and structure of American higher education, which inspired a discussion about admissions policy, access, and diversity. The Regents also discussed UC's student veteran services and voted to exempt some military veterans and their dependents from nonresident tuition.

Visits by Governor's Staff: Senior policy staff members from the Governor's Office and the Department of Finance are touring UC campuses and plan to visit several southern campuses and Davis this month. Senate Assembly members from campuses that have already hosted visits

noted that the staff seem particularly interested in mechanisms that could help improve time-to-degree for both four-year and transfer students; the staff have suggested three-year degrees, online education, and increased faculty teaching as possible mechanisms.

ICAS Legislative Day: The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates held its annual Legislative Day meeting in Sacramento on April 13. The meeting involved a series of visits with legislators and legislative staff. While many of the visitors expressed general support for increasing UC's funding, it was noted that specific proposals from the Legislature for doing so tend to include provisions such as dramatically higher resident enrollment and nonresident tuition.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PROVOST

- **Aimée Dorr**

2015-16 Campus Budgets: As senior UC leaders testify at state budget hearings in Sacramento, President Napolitano is reviewing individual campus budgets. The President is urging campuses to make strategic budget choices and to identify metrics for measuring long-term success in areas such as graduation rates, time-to-degree, the elimination of achievement gaps, and student and faculty diversity. UCOP is also looking at the extent to which excess liquidity in campus STIP accounts can be leveraged to address costs, and additional revenue opportunities arising from indirect cost recovery, nonresident enrollment, philanthropy, and other sources. The President is also asking campuses to detail funding priorities related to facilities renewal and faculty start-up costs in STEM disciplines and other growing fields.

Faculty Salaries: The President, Chancellors, and Executive Vice Chancellors are reviewing options recommended by a joint work group for how to distribute a 3% increase to general campus faculty salaries set aside in the 2015-16 UC budget. The members of the work group agreed about the importance of faculty salary competitiveness but did not reach consensus about a preferred option. The President is not expected to make a decision until the outcome of budget negotiations becomes clearer.

UC-Mexico Initiative: UC is compiling a database of Mexico-related academic collaborations and activities involving UC faculty on all campuses; the database is now online at <http://maxim.ucsd.edu/ucmexico/>. Faculty are encouraged to review the information to ensure all activities are represented.

Policies under Review: The UC community is currently reviewing a revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence, which covers students, faculty, and staff at all UC locations. Comments from the systemwide review of a proposed Presidential Open Access policy are being compiled for the review of the Academic Planning Council. A joint work group is finalizing a proposed Policy on International Activities, and new revisions to a policy covering Self-Supporting Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition are nearly ready for review.

V. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic Council

- **Mary Gilly, Chair**

1. Proposed Amendment to Academic Senate Regulation 682

Following a systemwide Senate review and advice from the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, the Academic Council recommended at its February 25, 2015 meeting that Senate Regulation 682 be amended as proposed by the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) to allow individual Graduate Councils to decide the interval between the filing of advancement to candidacy for a Master's degree and the conferral of the degree.

ACTION: Assembly approved the amendment to Senate Regulation 682 as noticed.

2. Nomination and Election of the Vice Chair of the 2015-16 Assembly

Chair Gilly introduced James A. Chalfant, UC Davis Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, and the Academic Council's nominee for 2015-16 Assembly vice chair and 2016-17 chair. At Chair Gilly's invitation, Professor Chalfant made a statement and then left the room at the Davis division. Chair Gilly asked for any additional nominations from the floor, and hearing none, asked for any objections to Professor Chalfant's nomination. Hearing none, she moved that the Assembly give its unanimous consent to his election.

ACTION: Assembly unanimously elected James A. Chalfant vice chair of the 2015-16 Assembly.

VI. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE REPORT

- **Joel Dimsdale, Chair, University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW)**

UC's new "self-funded" PPO medical insurance plan, UC Care, is designed to leverage the resources of the UC medical centers to save money and improve care for UC employees. UC Care's second year is more successful than its first, and UCOP is now studying the feasibility of a self-funded UC Care HMO plan that would replace the Health Net Blue and Gold HMO. The President will soon make a decision about next steps for the UC Care HMO. 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. UCFW recognizes that health care is enormously costly no matter how it is delivered, and a lack of competition has driven up costs in certain UC markets. UCFW is also cautious about potential conflicts of interest inherent in a self-funded insurance model.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Consent Calendar [None]**

VIII. REPORTS ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES [None]

IX. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS [None]

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS [None]

XI. NEW BUSINESS [None]

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Minutes Prepared by: Michael LaBriola, Academic Senate Analyst

Attest: Mary Gilly, Academic Senate Chair

Attachments: Appendix A – Assembly Attendance Record, Meeting of April 15, 2015

Appendix A – 2014-2015 Assembly Attendance Record, Meeting of April 16, 2015

President of the University:

Janet Napolitano (absent)

Academic Council Members:

Mary Gilly, Chair

J. Daniel Hare, Vice Chair

Panos Papadopoulos, Chair, UCB

Andre Knoesen, Chair, UCD

William Molzon, Chair, UCI

Joel D. Aberbach, Chair, UCLA

Jian-Qiao Sun, Chair, UCM

Jose Wudka, Chair, UCR

Gerry Boss, Chair, UCSD

Farid Chehab, Chair, UCSF

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair, UCSB

Donald Brenneis, Chair, UCSC

Ralph Aldredge, Chair, BOARS

Jutta Heckhausen, Chair, CCGA (absent)

David Lopez-Carr, Chair, UCAAD

Jeffrey Knapp, Chair, UCAP

Tracy Larrabee, Chair, UCEP

Joel Dimsdale, Chair, UCFW

Liane Brouillette, Chair, UCORP (absent)

Gary Leal, Chair, UCPB (absent)

Berkeley (5)

Kristie Boering

Suzanne M. J. Fleiszig

Oliver O'Reilly (absent)

Theodore Slaman

David Zilberman (absent)

Davis (6)

Gian Aldo Antonelli

Angie Chabram-Dernersesian

James Chalfant

Gino Cortopassi

John Oakley (absent)

Robert L. Powell (absent)

Irvine (4)

Sameer Ashar (absent)

David Kay

John Lowengrub (absent)

Darryl Taylor

Los Angeles (8)

Roman Koropecjy

Purnima Mankekar (absent)

Hanna Mikkola

Frank Petrigliano

Ninez Ponce

E. Richard Stiehm

Christopher Tilly

Dorothy Wiley

Merced (1)

Robin Maria DeLugan

Riverside (2)

Mary Gauvain (absent)

Ilhem Messaoudi Powers

San Diego (5)

Grant Goodall

Joanna McKittrick

Susan Narucki (absent)

Margaret Schoeninger

Steven Wasserman

San Francisco (4)

Jacque Duncan

John Feiner (alt for David Teitel)

Elyse Foster (absent)

Russell Pieper (absent)

Santa Barbara (3)

Charles Akemann (absent)

Henning Bohn

Eric Matthys

Santa Cruz (2)

Olof Einarsdottir

Catherine Jones

Secretary/Parliamentarian

George J. Matthey