

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Teleconference Meeting
December 19, 2016**I. Consent Calendar**

1. Today's agenda items and their priority

ACTION: Council approved the consent calendar.

II. Senate Officer's Announcements

- o **Jim Chalfant, Academic Senate Chair**
- o **Shane White, Academic Senate Vice Chair**

Riverside Leadership Changes: The UCR Provost announced that he will step down from his administrative position on June 30. The announcement followed a Senate Town Hall meeting at which faculty aired concerns about poor hiring and planning decisions that did not include adequate faculty consultation, and subsequently called for a meeting to consider a vote of no confidence. Not all faculty are satisfied with the timeline for the resignation and many remain concerned that the administration has not acknowledged to a sufficient degree the faculty's concerns about the direction of the campus and the state of shared governance.

Provost's Budget Call: The Provost's monthly budget teleconference with members of the administration and the Academic Council included a discussion about the nature of a possible "glide path" adjustment to a 20% limit on nonresident enrollment. It was suggested that a "cap and trade" system with some level of resource sharing between campuses above and below 20%, could make a higher cap more acceptable to the Regents. The Regents are expected to discuss a possible policy cap on nonresident enrollment in January.

International Thinking Day: UC chancellors are organizing an "International Thinking Day" in March to discuss a range of issues associated with the internationalization of the University. The meeting will involve faculty, the ten chancellors, and other administrators, and could be an opportunity to produce a positive statement about the internationalization of the University to help influence the Regents discussion about a nonresident enrollment cap, should the Regents delay their decision to March.

LSOE Title: As part of the management consultation review of proposed APM revisions related to the Lecturer with Security of Employment (LSOE) title, Chair Chalfant polled Council members about their preference for a possible new title for individuals in the series: "Professor of Teaching X"; "Teaching Professor"; "Professor of the Practice of X," or the current title. The poll clarified that none of the alternate titles are preferred over the status quo.

III. Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation 630.D

UCEP is requesting a systemwide Senate review of proposed amendments to [Senate Regulation 630.D](#), which add the Natural Reserve System (NRS) California Ecology and Conservation

course as a systemwide course that can satisfy UC's senior residence requirement along with the Education Abroad Program, UC Washington, D.C., Program, and the UC Center in Sacramento Program.

ACTION: Council approved sending the proposed amendments for systemwide review.

IV. Proposed Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing at UC Irvine

o Kwai Ng, CCGA Chair

Chair Ng noted that CCGA received the UCI School of Nursing proposal in early October and approved it in December on the recommendation of its lead reviewer. CCGA also sought commentary from the UCSF School of Nursing dean and two external reviewers. In addition, UCPB and UCEP, the other two "Compendium" committees, reviewed the proposal and submitted comments.

The proposal was motivated in part by a \$40 million gift from the Gross Family Foundation. It would expand and upgrade the existing UCI Program in Nursing Science to a full School of Nursing similar in character and scope to other UC nursing schools at UCD, UCSF, and UCLA. The proposal also includes a plan for implementing a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. UCI Senate Chair Parker noted that Irvine's long-range academic plan has long included a School of Nursing. The core courses and degrees have been functioning as a Program within the College of Health Sciences for ten years. UCI envisions that there will be a close relationship among the Schools of Nursing, Public Health, and Medicine. UCI will augment the \$40 million gift with \$20 million of campus resources.

In general, reviewers expressed support for the proposed School. UCPB raised concerns about the limited number of Ph.D.-level nursing faculty available nationwide, but CCGA is satisfied that UCI's plan for growth is cautious and emphasizes quality. UCI intends to groom new faculty for the School through its existing pipelines.

ACTION: Council unanimously approved the proposed School of Nursing.

V. Consultation with Senior Managers

- o Janet Napolitano, President**
- o Nathan Brostrom, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**
- o Aimée Dorr, Provost & Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs**

New Federal Administration: The University is aware that possible changes to Medicare and Medicaid could affect UC in two ways: first, by directly affecting funding for the University medical enterprise. Second, there could be less discretionary state funding available for higher education if states are asked to bear a greater burden of the cost of Medicaid patients. Other areas of uncertainty include funding for the Department of Energy and specific climate science budget lines, basic research, and student aid.

January Regents Meeting: UCOP will seek approval from the Regents for small increases to resident tuition (equivalent to \$282 per student), the student services fee (equivalent to \$52), and nonresident supplemental tuition. The increases were anticipated in the budget framework

agreement with the Governor two years ago. UCOP is consulting Regents and student leaders about the increases, noting that they will benefit undergraduate education and support the largest single year increase in enrollment since World War II, and that no student with family income below \$165,000 will pay the full increase.

The Regents may vote on a proposed policy on nonresident student enrollment in January or March. UC leaders have been meeting with Regents to emphasize the benefits of nonresidents, different models for a policy, and possible glide paths to a lower cap.

Provost Dorr noted that the January agenda will also include a session on undocumented members of the UC community; a discussion about how campuses are preparing graduate students for diverse careers (not only academia); and plans for using new state funding authorized in SB 1050 to support the success of students admitted from high schools designated as “LCFF Plus.” She noted that the new Regents committee structure provides an opportunity to explore specific topics in greater depth. She encouraged Council members to suggest topics for inclusion on a future agenda.

Transfer Pathways: On Friday, UC launched a new online resource for prospective UC transfers called the [UC Transfer Pathways Guide](#). The Guide allows California Community College students to access a list of UC-transferable courses available at their college that meet the specific course expectations for a given UC Transfer Pathway and carry transfer credit to any of UC’s nine undergraduate campuses.

Council Statement: President Napolitano thanked the Academic Council for [endorsing](#) the [UC Principles in Support of Undocumented Members of the UC Community](#). It remains the President’s view that any rational immigration enforcement policy should not allow for the deportation of DACA students. She said she recognizes that undocumented students are under great stress, and emphasized that UC will do everything it can to protect and support them.

Discussion: Council members expressed concern about adding 2,500 undergraduates to campuses next year, and about implementing a long-range growth plan without first identifying alternative revenue sources to put the University on a sustainable financial path. They noted that no financial or educational justification has been presented for the proposed 20% cap on nonresident enrollment. It was noted that one solution to the unequal distribution of nonresidents and nonresident tuition (NRT) is a “cap and trade” system to redistribute NRT through a modified rebenching formula. Council members also urged that more Regents visit campuses to hear about growing pains directly from students and faculty.

The President acknowledged that UC campuses are reaching their physical capacity, but noted that there are ways to accommodate growth that do not involve a full-time residential experience – for example, a Berkeley program that begins in London – and UC may need to experiment. UC is also exploring the possibility of placing a higher education bond issue on the California ballot to support the construction of more housing and educational facilities. The President said she has been communicating to individual Regents and policy-makers that a nonresident enrollment cap will harm the University and California residents, and encouraging Regents intent on implementing a cap to consider the least harmful models. CFO Brostrom added that UCOP prefers to maintain the current incentive structure under Funding Streams. It was noted that

several years ago UCOP tried unsuccessfully to implement a nonresident referral process, but that this topic could be revisited.

VI. Resolutions on Proposed Tuition Adjustment and Nonresident Enrollment

Council reviewed a draft **Resolution on In-State Tuition**. Discussion focused on the “whereas” clauses. It was suggested that the clauses include more precise language about the impact of the tuition increase on students from families at different income levels, and strengthen language about how budget cuts and lost revenues have contributed to reducing UC quality from its historical standard.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the following resolution, with several amendments to the “whereas” clauses.

The Academic Council supports the tuition increase proposed by the UC Office of the President, finding it fully appropriate as part of an overall budget strategy that meets the University’s needs and best protects the interests of students. The new revenues that will result are a critical part of restoring and maintaining UC’s quality.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be transmitted to the President.

Council reviewed a draft **Resolution on Nonresident Enrollment**. Discussion focused on the “whereas” clauses. It was suggested that the clauses include language drawn from the UC mission statement, additional language noting the role of nonresidents in contributing a diversity of perspectives to UC campuses, and language emphasizing that the policy is ill-advised regardless of the length and shape of the adjustment path to an enrollment cap.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the following resolution, with several amendments to the “whereas” clauses.

The Academic Council urges the Regents to reject any policy expressed as a fixed limit on the number of nonresident undergraduates, and respectfully requests that the Regents condition any such policy limiting nonresident enrollment on first securing a budget with revenues sufficient to maintain UC’s three goals of access, affordability, and quality.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be transmitted to the President.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm
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