

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting
March 22, 2017****I. Consent Calendar**

1. Today's agenda items and their priority
2. Draft Academic Council minutes of February 22, 2017
3. UC Irvine Master of Conservation and Restoration Science (MCRS)
4. UCFW letter supporting fee change for Defined Contribution programs
5. Assembly of the Academic Senate agenda for April 12, 2017

ACTION: Council approved the consent calendar.

II. Senate Officer's Announcements

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

March Regents Meeting: Two days before the March Regents meeting, the Regents changed a planned action item on nonresident enrollment to a discussion item with a subsequent plan for action in May. The change was made "to allow for additional discussion among Regents and with leaders in Sacramento about the parameters of the nonresident policy and the impacts of limits at other levels on the individual campuses and the system overall." Some state officials want a cap on nonresident enrollment lower than the 20% proposed by the Regents, along with immediate cuts at Berkeley, Los Angeles, and San Diego, the three campuses currently above 20%. Some officials have proposed increasing nonresident tuition to partially offset the effects of a cap, although UC leaders note that international applications to UC are already down this year, and additional price increases could affect demand even more.

The Regents also approved amendments to UC policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) clarifying that the Regents will hold programs charging PDSTs to their stated diversity goals. Chair Chalfant's [remarks](#) to the Regents summarized the Senate's positions on PDSTs, nonresident enrollment, and the revisions to the Faculty Code of Conduct approved by the Regents.

Visit with Regent Pérez: Regent John A. Pérez will join Council later today to discuss critical issues facing the University. Regent Pérez was appointed to the Board of Regents in November 2014 and currently chairs the Board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee. He also represented California's 53rd district in the California State Assembly between 2008 and 2014, and served as the Speaker of the Assembly between 2010 and 2014. While in the Assembly, he authored the Middle Class Scholarship Act.

April 3 ICAS Meeting: The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates will hold its annual Legislative Day at the Capitol in Sacramento on April 3.

Transition in Academic Affairs Leadership: Provost Aimée Dorr has announced that she will retire from the University this summer. Senate Chair Chalfant will serve on the search committee for her replacement.

Discussion: Council members noted that the state is obligating UC to increase resident enrollment and limit nonresident enrollment without providing offsetting funding, which will force the University to offer a lower level of quality and ultimately a UC education in name only. Council members noted that UC should do more to communicate the educational and financial benefits of nonresident enrollment. Nonresident tuition (NRT) revenue makes it possible for UC campuses to enroll additional residents, hire additional faculty, and offer more class and laboratory sections. NRT also bolsters the systemwide financial aid pool that makes a UC education more affordable for CA residents. At the same time, faculty should not dismiss public concerns that nonresidents occupy classroom seats that could theoretically go to residents and that UC's guarantee of space to eligible residents does not necessarily extend to the admitted student's first-choice campus. There was also concern about an increasing bifurcation of the UC student body into lower-income residents and wealthy nonresidents.

III. Proposed Amendments to Senate Bylaw 336

Council reviewed a set of proposed amendments to Senate Bylaw 336 related to procedures and timelines for Privilege and Tenure proceedings in discipline cases. The amendments align Bylaw 336 with the revisions to APMs 015 and 016 approved by the Regents earlier this month. The Senate first [reviewed the amendments in fall 2016](#) alongside the revisions to APMs 015 and 016. The amendments have been revised to incorporate comments generated in that review. However, certain elements of Bylaw 336 must mirror the new language in APMs 015 and 016 and are not subject to further revision. The UC Committee on Privilege and Tenure and others have raised additional concerns about specific aspects of Bylaw 336 unrelated to the existing bylaw text. These and other suggestions will be held for future consideration.

A Council member requested that the materials sent for the second systemwide review specify how the proposed text differs relative both to the fall 2016 review and to the current text.

ACTION: Council approved circulating the proposed revisions for a second systemwide review.

IV. Systemwide Review of Proposed Revision to Senate Regulation 630.D

Council reviewed responses from systemwide Senate reviewers to a revision to Senate Regulation 630.D, proposed by UCEP, recognizing the Natural Reserve System (NRS) California Ecology and Conservation course as a systemwide course that can satisfy UC's senior residence requirement as stipulated in [SR 630](#) along with the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), UC Washington, D.C., Program, and the UC Center in Sacramento Program (UCCS).

UC campuses require students to be "in residence" for the final quarter or semester before graduation. UCEP proposes that the regulation governing credit offered through EAP, UC

Washington Center, and UCCS be modified to allow the NRS California Ecology and Conservation course to come under the same guidelines.

In the systemwide review, one division noted that the definition of “systemwide” courses is vague and could potentially allow for online courses and programs to fall under the systemwide banner. UCEP Chair Knowlton noted that UCEP is discussing the role of online education in undergraduate education but the proposed changes to SR 630.D do not affect online courses and programs.

ACTION: Council voted to approve the amendments and send them to the Assembly for final approval.

V. Consultation with Senior Managers

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

Leadership Changes: President Napolitano has formed an advisory committee to lead the search for Provost Dorr’s replacement and hopes to bring a final candidate to the Regents in July. In addition, the Regents approved President Napolitano’s selection of Carol Christ as UC Berkeley’s new chancellor effective July 1.

Nonresident Enrollment Policy: The Regents postponed a planned action item on nonresident enrollment policy after members of the State Assembly asked UC for a closer dialogue about the policy. The University is working with legislators to understand their concerns and communicate the University’s goals, and it hopes to identify a compromise that will do the least harm to campuses. UC officials recently met with the chairs of the Assembly Committee on Budget and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education to discuss the policy. They noted that UC educates 90,000 more students today than it did 2000-2001, with an identical level of core funding. They emphasized that nonresident tuition helps bridge the funding gap and supports the educational mission for all UC students, and that an overly restrictive nonresident policy could reduce access for California residents and harm educational quality.

Faculty Code of Conduct: The Regents approved changes to APMs 015 and 016 that will help strengthen and clarify UC’s disciplinary proceedings for faculty respondents in cases of alleged sexual violence or sexual harassment. The changes are important to UC’s overall efforts to create and maintain an atmosphere free of harassment, exploitation, and intimidation. In addition, the President has asked UC’s new systemwide Title IX coordinator and Chair Chalfant to coordinate a response to the students at the Regents meeting who suggested additional revisions to policy on the rights of complainants.

PDST Policy: The Regents also approved changes to Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) policy. The amended policy allows the Regents to approve PDST proposals on a multi-year basis; allows programs to tie PDST charges to tuition and fees charged by comparable programs at private universities rather than only public universities; increases an emphasis on the program’s needs and on consultation with students and other stakeholders; and increases

transparency regarding the program's use of PDST funds in regards to excellence, access, inclusion, and affordability.

Grad Slam: President Napolitano will host the third annual systemwide UC Grad Slam on May 4. The event will feature the winners of individual campus Grad Slams, in which graduate student contestants summarize their research for a lay audience in a three minute pitch. Campus finalists will compete before a panel of judges at the LinkedIn offices in San Francisco. The event showcases some of UC's most innovative and impactful graduate work, and helps graduate students develop communication skills.

International Thinking Day: UC chancellors, faculty, and administrators convened in early March for an "International Thinking Day" to discuss UC's internationalization efforts. The meeting produced several ideas for increasing international engagement. These include establishing international UC gateway offices to engage alumni donors, prospective students, and University travelers; better identifying the respective roles of campuses and UCOP in international activities; building compelling narratives around UC's role in addressing global challenges; increasing student involvement in international activities; and developing more international research partnerships.

UC Mexico Initiative: President Napolitano travels to Mexico City next week to meet with Mexican education, government, and private sector leaders and to reaffirm UC's ongoing commitment to collaboration with Mexican institutions, students, scholars, and researchers, on cross-border issues related to education, health, energy, student exchange, immigration, and other area.

Framework for UC Growth and Support: Campus and systemwide representatives will meet at UC Irvine on April 17 to discuss enrollment scenarios submitted by campuses as part of the Framework for UC Growth and Support project. Campuses will present their individual 2040 vision plans and describe the resources they would need to meet them. The meeting also will address the role of the Master Plan for Higher Education in the scenarios. Following the meeting, UCOP will assess the submissions and assemble a systemwide view of the resources needed to fulfill the scenarios.

Student Housing Initiative: The President's Student Housing Initiative pairs a traditional housing development model in which campuses design, build, and operate new housing, with a new systemwide public-private partnership model. UC recent housing development RFI identified eight qualified developers who will compete for projects on a campus by campus basis. UC will use a financing trust structure to develop the projects more cost effectively. The initial projects developed under the new structure will be at UCSC and UCR.

Discussion: Council members noted that nonresident enrollment has both educational and financial benefits. They suggested that UC attempt to describe more precisely how campuses earmark nonresident tuition (NRT) specifically for CA resident access and education. Council members also suggested that UC consider "socializing" some portion of NRT to help equalize its financial benefits across campuses, and establish different NRT rates for domestic and international nonresidents to better match the competitive environment in the U.S.

VI. Visit with Regent John A. Pérez

Notes were not taken for this portion of the meeting.

VII. Executive Session: Nomination of 2017-18 Vice Chair

Notes were not taken for this portion of the meeting.

ACTION: Council selected Robert C. May of UC Davis as its candidate for 2017-18 Vice Chair. The nomination will be forwarded to the Assembly of the Academic Senate for consideration at its April 12 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

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Attest: Jim Chalfant, Academic Council Chair