

## MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 26, 2010  
MINUTES OF MEETING

**I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Pursuant to call, the Assembly of the Academic Senate met on Friday, February 26, 2010 via teleconference. Academic Senate Chair Henry Powell presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Senate Executive Director Martha Winnacker called the roll of Assembly members. Attendance is listed in Appendix A of these minutes.

**II. MINUTES**

**ACTION:** The Assembly approved the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting as revised and distributed after noticed, but prior to the meeting.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

- Henry Powell

Chair Powell noted that this meeting of the Assembly is informational. The intent is to broaden the conversation with senior leadership about the University's budget circumstances to include all of the divisions through the Assembly. Chair Powell also stated that he wished to provide advance information about two important consultations that will take place in the spring—systemwide discussions of recommendations related to UC post-employment benefits and of the recommendations expected to emerge from the Commission on the Future. He noted that he anticipates that the scheduled April meeting of the Assembly will take place by phone and that the scheduled June meeting will take place in person.

Post-Employment Benefits

At the October Assembly meeting, a presentation was made on the unfunded liability facing the UC Retirement System. A Presidential Task Force on Post-Employment Benefits has been meeting over the past year to evaluate how UC should meet this challenge. Although Senate representatives have participated on the task force, the specific options it has considered have not yet been shared. In April, the Post-Employment Benefits Task Force will hold a series of public meetings on every campus to discuss the range of options it has been studying. Chair Powell reported that in May, he and Vice Chair Simmons will visit each campus to meet with Senate members to gather feedback on the options so that the Academic Council will be prepared to advise the President on what the Senate believes is good for the University. Prior to these tours, the committees on Faculty Welfare and Planning and Budget, and the Academic Council will have been briefed by senior administrators. These spring consultations are critical, because the Task Force will make recommendations to the President in June and he will make recommendations to the Regents in July. Via the consultations in the spring, the Senate will have an opportunity to influence the President's recommendations to the Regents. Those recommendations will then be distributed for systemwide review. In September the Regents will set UCRP contribution rates for 2010-11. They may also consider some other recommendations regarding pension and benefits.

Commission on the Future Recommendations

The Commission on the Future will receive the first recommendations from its Working Groups next

month. The Senate will be asked to comment and help shape those recommendations for the final version that will go to the Regents for information in May and for action in July. A second set of draft recommendations will be announced in June, discussed over the summer, and presented to the Regents in September. The Commission's website has been updated with a detailed calendar for the coming months. The Commission will meet on March 23, May 7, and June 15. The Senate will conduct its own review in the usual way, but Chair Powell stated that he hopes that members will use every opportunity to comment. The President has promised that no action items from the Commission will go to the Regents without full Senate review.

Advocacy. Chair Powell noted that the Senate has been actively involved in the University's advocacy efforts in Sacramento. Last month he spent three days meeting with legislators and their staffs about the crisis in higher education, in cooperation with student leaders and the leaders of the Academic Senates of CSU and the CCC. As the chair of the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS), he has testified at hearings of the state legislature's Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Higher Education. Senate and ICAS members also plan to participate in an intersegmental lobbying day on April 27. Chair Powell has encouraged the divisions to join with students in advocacy efforts. He appealed to every member of the Senate to consider how they can assist UC advocacy efforts, through both individual and campus efforts. UC is emphasizing that education is an investment in the future of California.

Chair Powell introduced Patrick Lenz, Vice President for Budget and Capital Resources, who reported that he has been meeting with members of the legislature's budget committees. He stated that the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is recommending less funding for UC than the governor recommended. For example, they recommend not providing funds for student over-enrollment. VP Lenz stated that he will counter these suggestions at the budget committee meetings that begin in March. VP Lenz also offered his compliments to ICAS, as he received feedback from legislators that their meetings with ICAS members were valuable.

Reports from the LAO. Chair Powell mentioned that recent reports from the LAO have been critical of UC's new eligibility policy and for an alleged lack of coordination among the segments. He reported that he met with Steve Boilard of the LAO to clarify that there was extensive intersegmental consultation about UC's eligibility policy prior to its approval by the Regents, and that the leaders of the CSU and CCC submitted written testimony supporting the policy. He also described over thirty years of collaboration among the faculty of the three segments through ICAS. He reported that ICAS will continue outreach about its intersegmental efforts to the LAO and members of the legislature.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT**

Please see Appendix B for President Yudof's remarks.

#### **V. SPECIAL ORDERS [NONE]**

#### **VI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES [NONE]**

#### **VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES [NONE]**

#### **VIII. UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE REPORT [NONE]**

**IX. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS [NONE]**

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS [NONE]**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS [NONE]**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Attest: Henry Powell, Academic Senate Chair

Minutes Prepared by: Clare Sheridan, Academic Senate Analyst

Attachments: Appendix A – Assembly Attendance Record, Meeting of February 26, 2010  
Appendix B – Remarks of President Yudof to the Assembly of the Academic Senate

**Appendix A – 2009-2010 Assembly Attendance Record, Meeting of February 26, 2010**

**President of the University:**

Mark Yudof

**Academic Council Members:**

Henry Powell, Chair  
Daniel Simmons, Vice Chair  
Christopher Kutz, Chair, UCB  
Robert Powell, Chair, UCD  
Alan Barbour, Chair-elect, UCI  
Robin Garrell, Chair, UCLA  
Martha Conklin, Chair UCM  
Anthony Norman, Chair, UCR  
William Hodgkiss, Chair, UCSF  
Robert Newcomer, Vice Chair, UCSF  
Joel Michaelsen, Chair, UCSB  
Lori Kletzer, Chair, UCSC  
Sylvia Hurtado, Chair, BOARS  
Farid Chehab, Chair, CCGA  
Ines Boechat, Chair, UCAAD  
Alison Butler, Chair, UCAP  
Keith Williams, Chair, UCEP  
Shane White, Chair, UCFW  
Gregory Miller, Chair, UCORP  
Peter Krapp, Chair, UCPB (absent)

**Berkeley (6)**

Daniel Boyarin  
Suzanne Fleiszig  
Fiona Doyle (alternate for James Hunt)  
Avideh Zakhor (alternate for Anthony Long)  
Mary Ann Mason  
Pablo Spiller

**Davis (6)**

Joel Haas (absent)  
Brian Morrissey  
Brian Mulloney  
Krishnan Nambiar  
John Oakley  
David Simpson

**Irvine (4)**

Hoda Anton-Culver (absent)  
Luis Aviles (absent)

Kenneth Chew

David Kay

**Los Angeles (9)**

Paula Diaconescu  
Malcolm Gordon  
Jody Kreiman (absent)  
Timothy Lane  
Duncan Lindsey  
Susanne Lohmann (absent)  
Purnima Mankekar (absent)  
Joseph Nagy  
Natik Piri (absent)

**Merced (1)**

Nella Van Dyke

**Riverside (2)**

Manuela Martins-Green  
Albert Wang

**San Diego (5)**

Carlos Waisman (alternate for Salah Baouendi)  
Timothy Bigby  
Sandra Brown  
Stephen Cox  
Jason X-J Yuan

**San Francisco (3)**

David Gardner  
Deborah Greenspan  
Sandra Weiss

**Santa Barbara (3 – 1 TBA)**

Chuck Bazerman  
Richard Church (absent)

**Santa Cruz (2)**

Mark Carr  
Marc Mangel

**Secretary/Parliamentarian**

Peter Berck

## **Appendix B**

### **Remarks of President Mark G. Yudof Assembly of the Academic Senate Friday, February 26, 2010 Teleconference**

#### TOLERANCE AND DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

- I want to condemn recent incidents, one on-campus, one off-campus; behavior of very small number of students in each case which have created so much negative attention for UC and damage to UC community.
- Both are teachable moments and I commend Chancellor Drake and Chancellor Fox for working with their campus communities to make sure some good comes from each of these lamentable incidents.
- UC Irvine: Wrote personal letter of apology to Ambassador Oren.
- A university is a place where free inquiry and the open expression of views are to be cherished, valued and encouraged.
- Nowhere in the constitution is the “right” to suppress the speech of others protected.
- Those who abrogated Ambassador’s rights were arrested and will be subject to campus disciplinary proceedings.
- Fully support Chancellor Drake in his efforts to ensure that civil and reasoned discourse remains the hallmark of this university.
- Deeply pained by racist incident off-campus, involving, involving a small group of UC San Diego students who mocked the commemoration of Black History month. This was apparently followed last week by an offensive closed circuit TV broadcast. These acts offend not only the African-American community, but all who are dedicated to the principles of diversity and civility that must prevail on any campus.
- Chancellor Fox has instituted campus disciplinary proceedings and organized a campus teach-in. I agree with campus officials that the remedy for dangerous, offensive or extreme speech is more speech, not less. Chancellor Fox has my full support as the UCSD community recovers from the damage caused by these incidents.
- Both the Regents and I have issued public statements condemning the incidents and expressing our support for the way in which the Chancellors are handling the fallout.

#### BUDGET

- We’ve seen a few small but significant steps in the right direction since we last spoke.
- The governor’s 2010-2011 spending plan proposes restoring \$370 million for UC.

- That includes \$51.3 million to fund enrollments –an important step, given that UC now enrolls more than 15,000 students unsupported by state funds.
- The Governor’s plan also includes funding for the Cal Grant entitlement program to cover the recently approved mid-year and 2010-11 student fee increases. This allows us to continue to provide financial aid to students who need it most.
- Cal Grants are a high priority for UC and we will work to ensure that funding for them is in the final state budget.
- We deeply appreciate the governor’s actions and his clear recognition of the vital contributions public higher education makes to California, but his plan still falls short of what UC needs to preserve quality and access.
- UC is still seeking a \$913 million restoration of State funds in 2010-11 in order to sustain its commitments to students and families, and all Californians. The \$370 million proposed is 40 percent of this request.
- If provided, a \$913 million restoration would bring UC funding back to the level it had in the 2007-08 budget and would also address critical funding gaps for enrollment and for the UC Retirement plan (though it would still not meet the University’s full funding needs.)
- The Governor has also proposed enacting a constitutional amendment for public higher education that would set funding for UC and CSU at a minimum of 10 percent of the State’s General Fund budget.
- The Governor’s proposal advances one option in the conversation around restoring the values and priorities that have made California great.
  - The Governor has focused the discussion exactly where we want it: on the tremendous return on investment that UC delivers to California.
- While we recognize the Legislature would develop the specifics of the Governor’s plan, as well as explore other funding options, we believe it is critical to develop a stable funding stream for the institutions best positioned to lift our state from recession. We intend to continue working with the Legislature on the Governor on this important issue.

## ADVOCACY

- We will also continue a sustained and vigorous advocacy campaign in Sacramento.
  - Shortly after the Governor released his budget, we alerted our 200,000-plus advocates to contact their legislators, asking that they support our full \$913 million request. I also released a video to all members of the community asking for their involvement. Such messages will be coming more frequently and consistently.
  - I met with the Governor and with legislative leaders to press our case. In addition, I’ve spoken a number of times to President Pro-Tem Steinberg and I had an engaging conversation with Speaker-Designate Perez. They, like Speaker

Bass, get it. They are in a horrible fiscal environment, but they fully understand the critical need to preserve the best public higher education system in the world.

- I have also begun the process of meeting with gubernatorial candidates to stress the importance of higher education.
- Those steps will make a difference. But I am reminded of something my Rabbi said: A leader is no substitute for an engaged community. I probably spend 80 percent of my time in one form or another on advocacy. We are operating in a budget climate that we all know is brutal. But to win this one, I am going to need all the troops, all our stakeholders –alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, the business and scientific communities— amplifying our message: UC is not out of the woods yet; in fact we are far from it.
- While students are marching on the Capitol on Monday, I, along with several of our Regents and Chancellors, will be making our case inside with the Governor and with lawmakers.
- On April 27, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Master Plan, we are planning a joint advocacy day in Sacramento with our colleagues from the CSU and community college systems. We expect this to be a major event.
- You know this already, but I would greatly welcome participation from the faculty as we advocate for the funds needed to preserve the access and quality of this institution.
- I'll be glad now to take a few questions.