

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 11, 2015

MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING

**I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Pursuant to the call, the Assembly of the Academic Senate met on Wednesday, February 11, 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: The Assembly approved the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting as noticed.**

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

▪ **Mary Gilly**

January Regents Meeting: The Governor filled the final vacant seat on the Board of Regents with his former secretary of legislative affairs, bypassing the consultation process outlined in the California Constitution. The Regents tabled a proposal to link coaches' compensation to student athletes' academic performance and approved the establishment of a Select Advisory Committee on the Cost Structure of the University. The "Committee of Two" will involve a series of meetings between the Governor, President Napolitano, and their staff to discuss ideas for reducing UC's costs. The Governor noted that the process of developing and evaluating proposals would involve shared governance via taking proposals to the Regents, and President Napolitano committed to including the Senate. The Regents also received updates on the progress of implementing recommendations made by the UC Commission on the Future in 2010, and those made last year by the President's Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault. Finally, Regent Kieffer described forthcoming presentations he requested on the nature of a UC undergraduate education.

State Budget and Engagement Plan: The Governor's 2015-16 State budget proposal is bad news for the university. It ties a 4% funding increase to the state funded portion of the UC budget (representing only a 1.7% increase to the overall UC budget) to tuition and nonresident enrollment remaining at current levels. Chair Gilly recently asked campus Senate offices to disseminate a letter from the President to all faculty with information and talking points about the UC budget and the Long-Term Stability Plan for Tuition and Financial Aid approved by the Regents in November. The letter encourages faculty to take an active role in talking publicly about how their teaching, research, and public service contribute to UC's excellence.

Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP): The DOE has penalized Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) for a recent safety problem involving a LANL barrel at a radioactive waste storage facility by reducing the management fee to \$6 million from a possible \$63 million. The shortfall will hurt the LFRP and jeopardize the work of the doctoral and postdoctoral students supported by that program.

CCC Baccalaureate Degrees: The Governor signed into law a new pilot program that will allow 15 California Community Colleges to offer bachelor's degree programs in certain vocational fields not currently offered at a UC or CSU campus.

Transfer Streamlining: BOARS has endorsed an effort to implement the Transfer Action Team's recommendation to align major preparation requirements for similar majors across UC campuses to help prospective transfers prepare simultaneously for multiple campuses offering that major. UCOP is identifying the appropriate campuses representatives from ten majors to convene for a discussion about alignment.

#### **IV. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **A. Academic Council**

- **Mary Gilly, Chair**

##### **1. Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 155, Academic Computing and Communications (UCACC)**

In 2012-13, Council recommended disbanding the University Committee on Computing and Communications (UCCC) and reassigning parts of its charge, based on poor functioning and a lack of clarity about its purpose, but the Assembly asked UCOC to instead update the UCCC bylaws to revitalize the committee and render it more directly useful to the Senate and the university. The proposed new bylaw would broaden the committee's mission to include issues arising at the interface of computing technology, education, and research – including online education, intellectual property, accessibility, security, and privacy. The CCGA and UCEP chairs would be ex-officio members of the new UCACC.

An Assembly member who sat on the Council that recommended disbandment noted that expanding the charge does not guarantee a more effective committee. Another member objected to the phrase "quality assurance" in the committee's charge, noting that quality assurance for online courses is most appropriately the purview of UCEP and CCGA. It was noted that the intent is for UCACC to monitor technological quality, not course quality. UCEP and CCGA will continue to consider educational quality in online education. UCACC will be expected to bring technology concerns forward from the campuses, share best practices, and advise the president and Chief Information Officer about emerging issues. It was noted that the CIO is eager to engage the committee in discussions about where technology will have the biggest impact on the core academic mission of the university and the extent to which technology resources are appropriately geared to achieving and enhancing them.

**ACTION: An Assembly member moved to remove the words “quality assurance” from 155.B.3. The amendment was seconded. Then a friendly amendment was made to remove the full phrase “including quality assurance of online courses and academic technology” from 155.B.3. The amendment was seconded and passed with majority vote.**

**ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed bylaw with the noted amendment. The motion passed 41 to 4.**

## **2. Amendment to Senate Bylaw 50.A**

The conforming change to Senate Bylaw 50.A would remove from bylaw a reference to the Berkeley-San Francisco Faculty of the School of Public Health, which became obsolete in November 2005 when the Berkeley Division established a Berkeley Faculty for the School of Public Health independent of UC San Francisco.

**ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment. The chair asked for unanimous consent, and the amendment passed without objection.**

## **3. Budget Update**

Vice Chair Hare noted that the Governor’s proposed state budget for 2015-16 increases funding for all sectors of public education; however, the Proposition 98 guarantee ensures much larger increases for K-14 than for UC. Approximately \$2.5 of the \$3 billion increase in the education budget is for K-14, while UC would receive only a \$119 million increase. This 4% increase to the state-funded portion of the UC budget is equivalent to only a 1.7% increase to the overall UC budget, and is contingent on tuition and nonresident enrollment remaining at 2014-15 levels and the Regents acting on the recommendations of the Committee of Two. In short, after years of severe budget cuts, the Governor’s budget proposal will require UC campuses to make further cuts in order to meet basic obligations.

UC sees promise in alternative budget plans proposed by the Assembly Speaker and Senate President pro tem, and hopes that negotiations leading up to the final June budget will result in a more favorable outcome. UC also has concerns about some aspects of the alternative plans. For example, although the plans would increase funding to UC, they also call for immediate and dramatic increases in resident enrollments, which may not be realistic based on the system’s current capacity. In addition, the Speaker’s plan would increase the amount of teaching required of UC faculty and implement a pension cap for new UC employees. UC also sees alternative revenue opportunities associated with Proposition 39 (energy efficient capital projects), AB 32 (cap-and-trade), and Proposition 2 (Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Act).

## **V. SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **A. Consent Calendar [None]**

## **VI. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE REPORT [None]**

**VII. REPORTS ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES [None]**

**VIII. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS [None]**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS [None]**

**X. 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 February 11, 2015

## Appendix A – 2014-2015 Assembly Attendance Record, Meeting of February 11, 2015

### **President of the University:**

Janet Napolitano (absent)

John Lowengrub (absent)

Darryl Taylor

### **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 (absent)

Patty Gallagher (alt for Donald Brenneis,  
Chair, UCSC)

Ralph Aldredge, Chair, BOARS

Jutta Heckhausen, Chair, CCGA

David Lopez-Carr, Chair, UCAAD (absent)

Jeffrey Knapp, Chair, UCAP

Tracy Larrabee, Chair, UCEP

Joel Dimsdale, Chair, UCFW

Liane Brouillette, Chair, UCORP (absent)

Gary Leal, Chair, UCPB

### **Berkeley (5)**

Kristie Boering

Suzanne M. J. Fleiszig

Mary Ann Smart (alt for Oliver O'Reilly)

Theodore Slaman

David Zilberman

### **Davis (6)**

Gian Aldo Antonelli

Angie Chabram-Dernersesian (absent)

James Chalfant

Gino Cortopassi

John Oakley (absent)

Robert L. Powell

### **Irvine (4)**

Sameer Ashar

David Kay

### **Los Angeles (8)**

David Gere (alt for Frank Petrigliano)

Roman Koropecjy

Purnima Mankekar

Hanna Mikkola (absent)

Ninez Ponce

E. Richard Stiehm (absent)

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

Margaret Schoeninger

Steven Wasserman (absent)

### **San Francisco (4)**

Jacque Duncan (absent)

John Feiner

Elyse Foster

Russell Pieper

### **Santa Barbara (3)**

Charles Akemann

Henning Bohn

Eric Matthys

### **Santa Cruz (2)**

Olof Einarsdottir

Catherine Jones

### **Secretary/Parliamentarian**

George J. Matthey