

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

**I. Announcements**

1. Chair Powell thanked Council members for traveling again to attend the special meeting with the Chancellors; minutes will not be taken for that portion of the meeting. He noted that Council does have regular business to conduct since the March meeting was used as a budget summit with UCOP leadership. This portion of the meeting is Council-only and minutes will be taken.
2. Post-Employment Benefits. Chair Powell stated that he and Vice Chair Simmons have scheduled meetings with the Senate on every campus in April and May. The purpose is to discuss options currently under consideration for changing post-employment benefits. He stated that it is critical to engage Senate faculty in thinking seriously about the possibilities and which choices to support and to oppose.
3. Executive Director Winnacker requested nominations of Senate faculty willing to serve a three-year term as Assembly parliamentarian beginning in the fall of 2010.

**II. Consent Calendar**

1. Approve the February 24, 2010 Council minutes
2. Approve April 21 Assembly teleconference topics

**ACTION: The consent calendar was unanimously approved.**

**III. Approval of the Agenda.**

**ACTION: The agenda was unanimously approved as noticed.**

**IV. UCPB “Choices” Report**

**DISCUSSION:** Council did not have time to discuss the substance of UCPB’s Choices report. Chair Powell reported that he received a request that the report be circulated to the Commission on the Future. Several members complimented UCPB on its excellent work. Members particularly appreciated that the analysis of the choices facing the University is based on a set of values and that the approach is holistic, rather than piecemeal. Members requested both a shorter version, and more of the underlying data. A member also suggested that the Senate should rank its preferences. Two members stated that the recommendation to tax the medical centers and auxiliaries needs more analysis. This is a very complex issue; the monies are subject to different regulations, and the ability for medical centers to make a profit varies and will decrease dramatically as they are required to contribute to the retirement system. UCPB Chair Krapp stated that the report’s analysis of indirect cost recovery practices is similar to the recommendations in the Research Strategies and Funding Strategies working groups of the Commission on the Future. He noted that this analysis will be submitted to Council as a stand-alone document at its regular April meeting. A member suggested that while Council may not agree with all of the recommendations in the Choices report, it should be used as a framework for discussion in considering the recommendations of the

Commission on the Future. A motion was made to accept, but not endorse the report, post it on the Senate website as information, and approve its circulation to the Commission on the Future, its Working Groups, and the Post-Employment Benefits Task Force and its Working Groups. The report should be released with language stating that it is a draft for discussion and that its recommendations are under study by Council.

**ACTION: Council unanimously supported releasing the Choices report as a draft for discussion, and will consider whether to endorse it at its meeting on April 28.**

**V. Executive Session**

*No minutes were taken for this portion of the meeting.*

**VI. Executive Session**

*No minutes were taken for this portion of the meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest: Henry Powell, Academic Council Chair

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