I. Chair’s Announcements
   1. Minutes of April 18, 2024
      The minutes were approved as noticed.
   2. Chair’s Announcements
      The chair and vice chair of the ELWR Coordinating Council have been secured, and the committee now has representatives from each undergraduate campus.

II. Consultation with Academic Senate Leadership

   James Steintrager, Academic Council Chair
   Steve Cheung, Academic Council Vice Chair

   - From the Regents: 1) Julio Frenk was appointed as the new chancellor of UCLA, beginning in January 2025. 2) The next chair of the board will be Janet Reilly, and Maria Anguiano will be vice chair. Rich Leib will become chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. 3) The state budget projections are still unfavorable, but increases to the faculty scales will continue as planned. Positive stock market returns should allow continued borrowing from STIP/TRIP to fill in budget gaps. 4) The proposed policy on discretionary website usage is still pending. 5) A presentation on math preparation is scheduled for the next Regents meeting. The Senate committee on admissions has recently received a report from a dedicated working group investigating whether changes should be made to the relevant Senate regulations. While no changes to the standards were recommended, a reevaluation of the courses deemed to validate the Algebra II standards was suggested. UC will continue to recommend a 4th year of mathematics/quantitative reasoning. Some students may benefit from data literacy courses or computer science courses, but sequential higher math courses should also be encouraged as appropriate.

   - The proposed Area H (Ethnic Studies) admission requirement is still under consideration. Implementation and opportunity costs will be discussed at the next Academic Council meeting. The basic academic and social value of the proposal seems answered, but compliance capacity is uncertain.

   - At the state legislature: 1) proposed ACA 6, which would have required UC to follow state labor laws without exception, potentially jeopardizing clinical training or certain research processes, did not advance out of committee. It is likely that similar bills will be filed in the future. 2) proposed AB 1905, which would remove retreat rights from administrators involved in sexual
violence/sexual harassment cases, is still under consideration. The legislation
would not apply to UC, but considerations regarding reversal after appeal and
confidentiality raise concerns at UC. 3) proposed SB 1287 would ban calls for
genocide at institutions of higher education. UC is not taking a position, but
First Amendment considerations have been raised.
- Regarding academic labor issues, a temporary restraining order was issued
  by state courts to halt strikes on the campuses; further review is scheduled
  on June 27. Educational continuity is a priority, but there are complicated
  legal issues involved. Preparation for the next round of full contract
  negotiations are under way, and a faculty advisory committee has been
  convened to work with the administration. Distinguishing between education
  and work on a research project remains a challenge.

III. **UCOPE Business**
1. **ELWR Coordinating Council**
   The ECC leadership should be invited to the fall UCOPE meeting to share the
goals and structure of the report they will be asked to submit. They should also
determine the data needed to complete the report and confirm the following
year’s roster. Topics to cover in the report include ELWR fee usage, the different
modalities used and their justifications, and placement efficacy outcomes.
2. **UCOPE Bylaw**
   Reference to the AWPE will be removed per the draft submitted by Chair
   Solomon and forwarded to the Academic Council for review.
3. **Mathematics Preparation**
   a. **UCOPE Math Placement Survey**
      In 2022-23 UCOPE conducted a survey of math placement practices, and
      Vice Chair Chen presented the findings. Learning loss and lack of
      consistency make assessment difficult.
   b. **BOARS Area C Workgroup Debrief**
      With Barbara Knowlton, BOARS Chair
      The workgroup was charged to assess whether data science and data
      literacy courses contained enough advanced math content to validate for
      Algebra II content, already considered a barrier course. It was determined
      that most such data courses, including statistics, did not rely enough on core
      concepts and so should not validate Algebra II content. Even though fewer
      than 1% of applicants did not take a course that (still) validates Algebra II
      content, it is important to be clear what courses are deemed to prepare
      students for college-level quantitative analysis, especially in STEM fields.
      Colleagues from the California State University were included in the second
      phase of the workgroup’s proceedings to ensure that adequate preparation
      standards were agreed upon and promulgated, particularly for the
      recommended 4th math course. Additional questions about geometry
      validation remain because some students complete the course before high
      school so it does not show on their transcript.
   c. **Transfer Pathways**
      Note: Item not addressed.
d. **UCOPE’s Role**
   How UCOPE can ensure consistency and successful outcomes is unclear, but important.

4. **24-25 Goals**
   Note: Item not addressed.

**IV. Further Discussion and New Business**
None.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm

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Attest: Amanda Solomon Amarao

Attendance:
- Amanda Solomon Amarao, Chair
- Po-Ning Chen, Vice Chair
- Steven Lee, UCB
- Brad Queen, UCI
- Steve Margulis, UCLA
- Valerie Leppert, UCM Alternate
- Jason Duque, UCSB
- John Tamkun, UCSC