

MEETING CALL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE DAVIS DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Friday, June 5, 2009  
2:10 – 4:00 p.m.  
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1. Transcript of the May 7, 2009 Meeting

**Action: Motion to approve 5/7/09 RA transcript and seconded. Opened for discussion; proposed change of the word “amended” to “appended” (bottom of page 1). No further discussion.**

**Vote: Unanimously approved the amended transcript (2 abstentions).**

**Motion passes.**

2. Announcements by the President - None
3. Announcements by the Vice Presidents - None
4. Announcements by the Chancellor - None
5. Announcements by the Deans, Directors or other Executive Officers – None
6. Special Orders

**Chair Powell requested a reordering of the remarks below to the following: Academic Federation Chair Blank first, Staff Assembly Vice Chair Kerner second, and Academic Senate Chair Powell third. General consent given; no objections.**

- a. Remarks by the Academic Federation Chair – Steve Blank

**Academic Federation Chair Steve Blank spoke of the cooperation between the Senate and the Federation. He reported very few, if any, areas of disagreement during the 2008-09 academic year. Specific areas of teamwork and unity, such as the Senate’s attention to Library issues and Senate Chair Powell attending an AF Executive Council meeting, were highlighted and appreciated. Chair Blank explained that recruitment, promotion, and retention of Federation members continues to be a high priority for the Federation. No further discussion.**

- b. Remarks by the Staff Assembly Vice Chair – Rob Kerner

**Staff Assembly Vice Chair Rob Kerner provided a brief overview of Staff Assembly’s role and representation on campus, benefits provided for staff, morale/team building events, and the focus of budget cuts/furloughs on staff during the 2008-09 academic**

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year. He reviewed the general results from a recent survey taken by Staff Assembly regarding furloughs/pay cuts (information available at <http://staff.ucdavis.edu>). Vice Chair Kerner requested that the Senate serve as advocates for the staff and encourage the staff to continue to volunteer for Staff Assembly and other events on campus. No further discussion.

- c. Remarks by the Divisional Chair – Bob Powell

Chair Robert Powell noted/reviewed the following:

**-Discussed the worsening budget gap: possibly \$80-90 million for UC Davis. He noted the expectation that the Regents will grant the UC President authority to implement pay cuts/furloughs in July. Noted the bigger issue of the CA Governor's proposal to cut Cal Grants.**

**-Discussed issues with the University of California Retirement System (UCRS); including future retirement contributions. Since UCRP is in an explicit crisis, it is being recommended that contributions are provided at a higher rate. He moved to call a town hall meeting to provide the faculty an opportunity to express their views regarding budget issues broadly.**

**Action: Motioned and seconded to call a town hall meeting. Opened for discussion; no discussion.**

**Vote: 54 – 0, 0 abstentions**

**Motion passes.**

**-Thanked many Academic Senate Committee Chairs and the Vice Chair of the Senate for their service and contributions. No further discussion.**

7. Reports of standing committees
  - a. Committee on Committees
    - i. Confirmation of 2009-2010 standing committee appointments

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**Action: Motion to approve the 2009-2010 standing committee appointments. Moved and seconded. Opened for discussion; no discussion.**

**Vote: 54 – 0, 1 abstention**

**Motion passes.**

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b. Committee on Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction

**Committee on Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction Chair G.J. Matthey presented all of the proposed changes.**

i. Bylaw Changes

1. DDB 76: Proposed Revision of Davis Division Bylaw 76 (Faculty Research Lecture Committee) **[discussed first]** 10

**Briefly reviewed proposed changes to DDB 76. Opened for discussion, no discussion.**

**Action: Motioned and seconded to accept proposed changes. No further discussion.**

**Vote: 54 – 0**

**Motion passes.**

2. DDB 111: Proposed Deletion of Davis Division Bylaw 111 (Proposal to disband the Student Faculty Relationships Committee) **[discussed third]** 11

**Briefly reviewed the deletion of DDB 111 and reasoning behind the Student-Faculty Relationships Committee's request to disband. Highlighted the proposed delegation of functions.**

**Discussion ensued: The 2009-10 Chair of SFR Raul Piedrahita reinforced the proposed points to disband; noted the Grade Change Committee's jurisdiction over all grade changes items and the lack of business for SFR. The concern of the Senate removing itself from this role was voiced; however, it was noted that SFR was not an empowered body.**

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**Action: Motion to approve the proposed deletion of DDB 111. Seconded. Opened for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding the origination of the committee from the free speech movement. Noted that SFR's role as providing routing advice to other committees/areas on campus could be served by a single contact, and that most other UCs do not have a SFR Committee. Clarified that cases of misconduct are routed directly to the Chancellor.**

**Vote: 39 – 5, 7 abstentions  
Motion passes.**

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| 3. DDB 121: Proposed Revision of Davis Division Bylaw 121<br>(Proposal to increase the membership of the Undergraduate<br>Instruction and Program Review Committee) <b>[discussed fourth]</b> | 13 |
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**Briefly reviewed proposed changes to DDB 121. Opened for discussion, no discussion.**

**Action: Motioned and seconded to accept proposed changes. No further discussion.  
Vote: 54 – 0  
Motion passes.**

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| 4. DDB 123: Proposed Revision of Davis Division Bylaw 123<br>(Proposal to increase the membership of the Undergraduate<br>Scholarships, Honors, and Prizes Committee) <b>[discussed second]</b> | 15 |
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**Briefly reviewed proposed changes to DDB 123 driven by heavy workload. Opened for discussion, no discussion.**

**Action: Motioned and seconded to accept proposed changes. No further discussion.  
Vote: 54 – 0  
Motion passes.**

- c. Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
  - i. Confirmation of the 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients

**Distinguished Teaching Award Committee Chair John Harada briefly reviewed the 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients:**

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*Undergraduate Category*

- Liz Applegate, Department of Nutrition
- Judy Callis, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Motohico Mulase, Department of Mathematics

*Graduate/Professional Category*

- Marc Blanchard, Department of Comparative Literature
- Ines Hernandez-Avila, Department of Native American Studies
- Mark Lee, M.D., Department of Orthopedic Surgery, School of Medicine

**Action: Motion to accept the recommendations. Moved and seconded. No discussion. Approved by applause. Motion passes (no vote taken).**

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8. Petitions of Students - **none**
9. Unfinished Business - **none**
10. University and Faculty Welfare - **none**
11. New Business
  - a. Resolution on Hiring Practices and Faculty Searches

**Committee on Academic Personnel Chair William Casey presented the reasons for the proposed resolution for hiring practices and faculty searches. He shared the deep concern of CAP regarding egregious cases witnessed by the Committee (lacking information, conflicts of interest, suspect searches, etc). He explained that the Senate is disenfranchised in the hiring process unless transparent information is provided. Noted that in the cases when CAP has rejected the candidate, CAP's recommendation has been overturned by the administration without fail.**

**The resolution was reviewed and discussed. Motioned to pass the resolution. Seconded. Opened for discussion. Discussion ensued.**

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**Jim Chalfant suggested an amendment in a friendly spirit, in support of item 2 (page 22 on the agenda) in the CAP resolution:**

**“copies of all relevant documents, including the approved position description, search plan, and interim and final recruitment reports.”**

**Action: Moved to accept. Seconded. Accepted as a friendly amendment. (no vote taken)**

**Discussion continued; several members from the School of Medicine voiced opposition regarding the mandate including all series, since urgent clinical faculty often need to hire from within. The Clinical X series was discussed; Dan Simmons motioned to add paragraph #4 and remunerate, stating:**

**“Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution do not apply to appointments described in APM 275 (Professor of Clinical (e.g. Medicine) Series).”**

**Action: Moved and seconded to add friendly amendment. No further discussion.  
Vote: 51-0, 2 abstentions  
Motion passes.**

**Continued discussion urging the need to pass the resolution. SOM faculty voiced concerns regarding the process and possible delays for expedited requests. It was argued that the resolution would not slow the process and instead clarify the requirements. The destruction of collegiality in departments because of suspicious searches/appointments was also mentioned. The resolution was argued as a tool used to support the integrity of the faculty. Suggestion to change the resolution to ladder ranked faculty only due to differences in interpretations of the resolution; however, it was agreed that additional consideration needed to be given to the resolution, especially considering the concerns raised by the SOM faculty.**

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**Action: Motion to table discussion/resolution to the Fall Quarter meeting of Representative Assembly, 2009.**

**Vote: 37-7, 1 abstention**

**Motion passes.**

**Chair Powell requested that the School of Medicine speak with him further after the meeting. Motioned and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.**

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Don C. Price, Secretary  
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