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

Friday, June 4, 2010
2:10 – 4:00 p.m.
Walter A. Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center, AGR Hall

1. Transcript of the February 11, 2010 Meeting
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
   a. Remarks by the Divisional Chair – Bob Powell
      ACTION: Motion to switch the order of items #6 and #7. Seconded and Passed Unanimously.
7. Reports of standing committees
   a. Committee on Committees
      i. Confirmation of 2010-2011 standing committee appointments
      ACTION: Motion to accept committee appointments. Seconded and Passed Unanimously.
      ii. Committee on Committee election results
      Results of the election were distributed online. The College of Biological Sciences had a sole nominee for the CBS vacancy. In accordance with Davis Division Bylaw 16, approval is requested to declare that nominee elected to fill the vacancy effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012.
      ACTION: Motion to approve the election of the nominee for the CBS vacancy by default. Seconded and Passed Unanimously.
   b. Committee on Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction
      i. Legislation Changes
         1. DDB 16 (E)(4): Elections By Ballot
            This change is proposed by CERJ based on the step of seeking approval by RA is unnecessary. The change will remove the phrase, “if so instructed by the Representative Assembly,” in E4. This removes the power to veto a volunteer for an office.
            ACTION: Moved to approve the change. Seconded and Passed with 1 abstention.

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2. DDB 64: Committee on International Studies and Exchanges
   Changes include removing the ex-officio member: Director of
   International House as an ex-officio member and additional minor
   changes to the language of the Bylaw.

   ACTION: Motion to accept the proposed changes. Seconded and Passed with 1 Abstention.

3. DDB 113: Disestablishment of the Transportation and Parking Committee. Recommended by Executive Council. Functions of this Committee would be divided between the Committee on Faculty Welfare and the Committee on Planning and Budget.

   ACTION: Motion to accept the recommendation. Seconded and Passed by 2/3; 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

4. DDR A540: Grades
   This proposed change regards incompletes and a limit on time to complete for those students who are not in residence.

   ACTION: Motion to accept the proposed changes. Seconded and Passed with 5 abstentions.

BACK TO #6 Special Orders
a. Remarks by the Divisional Chair – Bob Powell

   ii. A campus-wide Futures Committee has been formed. The Academic Senate also has a Futures Committee.

   iii. Furloughs will end on August 31, 2010, however continuing budget cuts will affect many.

   iv. Several searches are underway: Provost, Vice Provost for Research, Vice Chancellor for the Comprehensive Plan, University Librarian

   v. Post Employment Benefits (Jim Chalfant): an Executive Summary will be presented to President Yudof by the end of June, Regents will discuss it at the July Regents meeting and a full report will be made by the end of July. This will be followed by a full systemwide review beginning in the fall. Decisions to be made include changing amortization of any shortfall from 15 to 30 years; contributions by employees to URCP next spring; and retiree responsibility for paying

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b. Remarks by the Academic Federation Chair – Michael Johnson
   i. Disciplinary action policy has been negotiated with the Vice Provost’s office, and will be implemented. The Federation is dissatisfied with the position in which it finds itself compared to the Senate with regard to having a voice in campus decisions.

   ii. One-fourth of medical faculty are members of the Federation. This has created a group of disenfranchised faculty who feel they are second class citizens. As an example, they cannot vote on academic issues within the School of Medicine. The Federation is asking the Senate to find ways to increase Academic Federation participation in campus decisions.

   (Chair Powell mentioned UC San Diego has also brought up this issue. It was suggested that a Task Force could be formed to review the differences, in areas such as personnel actions and appeals. Chancellor noted that she is aware of a growing unhappiness. Plans for next year include a committee to examine the various issues and make recommendations. She further noted that for the campus to be successful it needs to find a way for Federation members to become successful.)

   iii. Michael Johnson is completing his position as Academic Federation Chair at the end of June.

c. Remarks by the Staff Assembly Vice Chair
   None – Representative unable to attend.

d. Remarks by NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative – Kim Elsbach provided statistics of athletes and non-athletes regarding admittance, probation, GPA, graduation rates, and health assessments regarding drug & alcohol use. She asked the Senate to recommend clarification of the policy for major decision making in Intercollegiate Athletics with regard to shared governance.

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and faculty/student involvement when major decisions are made. Upon discussion, the following was composed:

“The Representative Assembly recommends that the Athletics Administrative Advisory Committee develop a clarified version of the major decision process to be considered and approved by the Academic Senate and Chancellor.”

**ACTION:** Motion to make the recommendation. Seconded and Passed with 18 for; 16 against and 5 abstentions.

8. Petitions of Students
9. Unfinished Business
10. University and Faculty Welfare
11. New Business
   a. *College/School Bylaw and Regulations Updates: School of Veterinary Medicine

**ACTION:** Motion to take this item off the agenda and ask for a review by CERJ. Seconded and Passed.

12. Information Item **(no approval required)**
   a. CERJ Advice on CA&ES Voting Rights on Personnel Actions
   b. CAPOC Proposal to Streamline the Academic Personnel Review Process
      No changes to the Personnel Manual

Meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Don Price, Secretary
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