

MEETING SUMMARY (DRAFT)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE DAVIS DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
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1. Transcript of the June 3, 2011 Meeting 4
Motion: To accept the June 3 RA transcript.
Motion seconded and no further discussion.
ACTION: Passed by acclamation.
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 ASUCD President – Adam Thongsavat
ASUCD President Thongsavat described the priorities for ASUCD’s 11.1 million dollar budget for the coming year. These include a re-use center at the MU for sustainability items, a student print shop, an entrepreneur fund to provide grants to students, and the Pantry food bank for students. ASUCD is hosting a town hall on November 3 regarding the Athletics Strategic Audit document and conducting a campus-wide poll about it. They are also reviewing police policies. Another area of activity involves advocacy efforts on behalf of UC to emphasize the impact UC and students have on California. ASUCD will bring in speakers, including Yolo County political leaders.
 - b. Remarks by GSA Chair - Katheryn Kolesar
GSA Chair Kolesar indicated the focus of GSA activities is to increase interaction among graduate and professional students. She cited the importance of the Pantry, travel support and extra-curricular activities, such as yoga. GSA will host a graduate and professional student symposium in April 2012. Awards will be made to those making outstanding presentations. GSA will request support money from departments and ask faculty to volunteer as judges.
 - c. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel:
 - i. Oversight Committee – Shirley Chiang 28
A member asked about the status of a task force, approved at the 6/3/11 RA meeting, to determine the feasibility of simplifying the academic personnel process. That task force is currently being populated by Committee on Committees.
Motion: To accept the Committee on Academic Personnel Oversight Subcommittee report.
Motion seconded and no further discussion.
ACTION: Passed by acclamation.

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d. Remarks by the Divisional Chair – Linda Bisson

i. 2020 Initiative

A new funding streams model is being implemented.

The goal is to hire more faculty.

The Chancellor is setting up 3 committees:

Academic growth planning,

Enrollment planning,

Facilities planning.

Each will consist of 12-15 members (Faculty, Staff, and Students).

The Academic Senate Executive Council has a subcommittee comprised of Faculty Executive Committee chairs to integrate Senate planning with departments & units.

ii.

ew campus budget model (based on *UCD Framework for a New Budget Process: Incentive – based Budget Model Introduction*)- Document Attached.

In spring, the new model should be available with actual figures.

It is to be implemented for 2012-13.

The Committee on Planning & Budget is taking the lead on evaluating the white papers presented by the administration.

As the model is based on that of the University of Michigan, it will need to be modified to fit UCD.

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e. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel:

i. Appellate Committee – Bryce Falk

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Motion: To accept the Committee on Academic Personnel Appellate Subcommittee report.

Motion seconded and no further discussion.

ACTION: Passed by acclamation.

Annual Reports on Consent Calendar:

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| 7. Reports of standing committees | |
| a. CERJ Bylaw Changes | |
| i. DDB 135: Faculty Voting Rights | 188 |
| The Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdictions Chair presented the proposed amendment. | |
| Motion: To accept the change to DDB 135: Faculty Voting Rights, effective immediately. Motion was seconded and no further discussion. | |
| ACTION: Approved by a vote of 27 in favor, 6 against, and 1 abstention. | |
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| 8. Petitions of Students | |
| 9. Unfinished Business | |
| 10. University and Faculty Welfare | |
| 11. New Business | |
| a. *College/School Bylaw and Regulation Update: School of Veterinary Medicine | 189 |
| b. *College/School Bylaw and Regulation Update: School of Education | 191 |

Professor John Owens was given privilege of the floor.

He wants to encourage the Academic Senate to make its voice heard on the recent UCD Athletics report. He presented 8 points (below).

- 1) Academic standards. Historically UC Davis student-athletes look like the rest of the student body in terms of entering grades and test scores, UC Davis grades, and graduation rates. This is not the case at our peer institutions with a "business model". What academic compromises are we willing to make as an institution if we choose to pursue a business model?

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- 2) Student-athlete opportunities. UC Davis currently features a large, broad-based athletic program. The report recommends substantial cuts in the number of teams and student-athlete opportunities to give a smaller number of sports a better chance to win.
- 3) The major decision-making process that the campus adopted in its move to Division I is no longer being respected, notably during the process of cutting sports 16 months ago.
- 4) Recent improprieties by the athletics department in admit-by-exception decisions for student-athletes touch directly on the Academic Senate's responsibility for undergraduate admissions.
- 5) The dismissal of the Faculty Athletic Representative by the Chancellor on October 1 raises serious questions about the current ability of the faculty to properly oversee the academic integrity of intercollegiate athletics.
- 6) The teacher-coach model, where our coaching staff have had 50% academic appointments and teach credit-bearing courses, is intended to keep our athletic programs closely tied to the academic side of the university. Recent hiring and renewal decisions by the athletic department are eroding this model.
- 7) Coaches are now being asked to fundraise to support their programs, which raises significant conflicts of interest with their primary mission of providing the best possible environment for their student-athletes.
- 8) Finally, the athletic department has recently exhibited a troubling lack of transparency in its relationship with AAAC, particularly in its budget.

The athletics report was offered for response in August, but the Academic Senate suggested waiting until the Fall to request responses since much of the UCD community had yet to return to campus. Since then, the Chancellor has extended the deadline for response.

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It was reiterated that the faculty had voted 2 to 1 against going to Division I sports. Many worried about the issue of sustainability and voiced concern.

The issue of Admission by Exception was discussed and the issue was raised as to whether or not this number would increase or be taken wholly by student athletes instead of being used by other underrepresented groups of students.

It was proposed that this kind of discussion should be taken up by a task force. The task force could discuss and report on the surrounding changes being proposed by the athletics report. The Executive Council could come up with a formal charge for the task force. It was recommended that the task force act quickly.

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate Executive Director made a statement that the Academic Senate Office does not have staff available to support such a task force.

It was also noted that the athletics report was not well received. It was also noted that students pay the fees for Division I.

Motion:

To direct Executive Council to form a task force to review the issues concerning athletics using the UC Davis Athletic Strategic Audit 2011 as well as eight points raised by Professor Owens in his presentation to the Assembly.

Motion was seconded.

ACTION: Approved by a vote of 32 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

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Meeting Adjourned.

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