

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

**Friday, June 8, 2012**  
2:10 – 4:00 p.m.  
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| 1. Summary of the April 17, 2012 Meeting - <b>Unanimously approved.</b>              | 3 |
| 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 – Linda Bisson                                    |   |
| - Chair Bisson met with state legislators to discuss UCD.                            |   |
| -The Senate Chair has been meeting with the Chancellor to discuss the budget of UCD. |   |
| -The Athletics director will be chosen soon.                                         |   |

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THANKS: Presented by Joe Kiskis

The Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate thanks Chair Linda Bisson for the boundless dedication with which she has responded to the demands of her office in a year of extraordinary challenges.

**Motion seconded; no discussion.**

**ACTION: Unanimously approved**

b. Remarks by the Academic Federation Vice Chair – Ellen Bonnel  
Incoming Federation Chair Ellen Bonnel gave an overview of Academic Federation and acknowledged outgoing Academic Federation Chair Dan Wilson and other committee members for the energy and time in serving the Academic Federation organization.

c. Remarks by the Staff Assembly Vice Chair – James Cabbage –  
Incoming Staff Assembly Chair James Cabbage gave an overview of the Staff Assembly and stated that a joint voice is important. There are concerns over the Shared Services Center, especially shared IT Service Center and the ability to meet the needs of all the campus departments in a timely manner.

Reports of standing committees

d. Committee on Committees – Pablo Ortiz

i. Confirmation of 2012-2013 standing committee appointments	38
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| <p>e. Committee on Elections, Rules &amp; Jurisdiction – G.J. Matthey</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. Bylaw Changes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. DDB 28: General Committee Provisions</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDB 28 was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 55 - 0</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p> | 41 |
| <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. DDB 31: Special Committees</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDB 31 was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 52 - 0</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p>                                                                                                                                         | 43 |
| <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3. DDB 80: Graduate Council</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDB 80 was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 51 - 0</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p>                                                                                                                                           | 45 |
| <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4. DDB 88: Public Service Committee</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDB 88 was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 52 - 0</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p>                                                                                                                                   | 51 |
| <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5. DDR 528: Credit by Examination</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDR 528 was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 55 - 1</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p>                                                                                                                                    | 53 |
| <p style="padding-left: 40px;">6. DDR 538(H): Final Examinations</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDR 538(H) was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 54 - 0</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p>                                                                                                                                 | 55 |
| <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7. DDR A540: Grades</p> <p><b>Motion to approve the amendment to DDR 540 was made and seconded.</b><br/><b>Vote: 53 - 0</b><br/><b>ACTION: Motion Passed</b></p>                                                                                                                                                  | 58 |

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c. Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility (CAFR) - Adela De La Torre

“Egregious Academic Freedom Violation”

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The following resolutions are based on the report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility to the Representative Assembly on June 8, 2012.

**Resolution, specific to Professor Wilkes.**

*Resolved*, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate affirms the right of academic freedom of Professor Michael Wilkes and all other faculty to publish scholarly articles and professional expert commentaries that address ethics and societally relevant critiques.

*Resolved*, That the Representative Assembly calls upon the Dean, Executive Associate Dean, and the Health System Counsel of the School of Medicine of the University of California, Davis, all to:

1. Accept promptly and publicly responsibility for serious errors in judgment;
2. Write individual letters of apology to Professor Wilkes;
3. Rescind in writing all disciplinary actions that have been stated, proposed, or taken against Professor Wilkes.

**Resolution, potential legal actions**

*Resolved*, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate expresses severe disapproval of the notion that the University of California may take legal action against professors whose scholarly publications or professional expert commentaries may be perceived by University administrators to be injurious to University interests.

**Resolution,**

*Resolved*, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate calls upon the Chancellor of the University of California, Davis, within six months to:

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1. Take concrete steps to prevent future violations of rights of academic freedom and report to the Davis Division the steps that have been taken to this end.
2. Have the Dean of the School of Medicine take appropriate training to prevent academic freedom violations.

**VOTE: 52 – 0**

**ACTION: Approved**

**Resolution added by the Assembly:**

*Resolved*, That the Representative Assembly condemns Health System and Campus Legal Counsels for drafting inappropriate and apparently threatening letters that violated a faculty member's right to academic freedom.

**VOTE: 50 – 0**

**ACTION: Approved**

7. Reports of special committees
  - a. Streamlining the Academic Personnel Process (STAPP) Report - Jeannie Darby 76

Professor Jeannie Darby (Chair of STAPP) indicated that Davis' system is one of the most complex. Much discussion has taken place in the past but no positive developments have come from those discussions. The committee has developed three sets of recommendations for simplifying the personnel process. Next steps – decide what can be adopted and fine tune the program in the fall.

8. Petitions of Students - None
9. Unfinished Business - None
10. University and Faculty Welfare
11. New Business - None

Ines Hernandez-Avila, Secretary  
Representative Assembly of the  
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