

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

Thursday, February 28, 2013

2:10 – 4:00 p.m.

Student Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room

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1. Approval of the November 1, 2012 Meeting Summary 3
 Motion: Motion to approve November 1, 2012 Meeting Summary
 Vote: Unanimously approved
 Action: Motion passed
2. Announcements by the President - None
3. Announcements by the Vice Presidents - None
4. Announcements by the Chancellor
 - a. State of the Campus – Chancellor Linda B. Katehi
 Chancellor Katehi’s full speech is attached.

Questions/Comments from the Senate floor:

-How serious to take faculty workload?

Chancellor response: Focusing on workload is the wrong solution, since it may never impact the cost of a degree. We need to ask: what are the reasons for the current costs and how can we effectively reduce them? Increasing workload is impossible for many, and teaching one more class will have a minimal impact.

-How will graduate education be integrated into the implementation of the 2020 Vision?

Chancellor response: There was a separate report that discusses graduate education issues, which will be used to focus effort on graduate programs and accomplish two things: some issues that affect graduate education are outside the scope of 2020 and need to be addressed separately; meanwhile, the report will address financial and structure issues that relate to 2020 as well. Grad education not in 2020 because enrollment and management processes are not the same (they are done centrally and can be controlled at unit level).

5. Announcements by the Deans, Directors or other Executive Officers
6. Special Orders
 - a. Remarks by Academic Senate Chair - Bruno Nachtergaele
 Chair Nachtergaele discussed the upcoming elections for Senate representatives, the new emphasis on online education as it relates to budget issues, and WASC.

We are on an unsustainable path, and maybe online education and changing education delivery might help. There will be meetings on online education April 13th in Oakland. There will be a request for proposals for developing courses and technology for education.

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In terms of faculty workload, courses taught is not the best metric for measuring how we work.

Academic Council discussed time to degree. If we improve the time to degree by even a percentage, it benefits people of California.

Faculty salary increases will not happen this year, but the President is optimistic of a 2-3% increase in 2014.

WASC is near complete and the materials ready to submit. A few things remain: UGC will formulate a plan to assess learning in programs and program reviews and there will be an off-site and on-site visit in 2014.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Faculty Research Lecture (To be honored in May)

- i. Confirmation of 2012-2013 Faculty Research Lecture Award Recipient. 6

The FRL committee recommends Professor Jodi Nunnari, Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology.

Motion: To accept the recommendation of Professor Nunnari as the FRL award recipient.

Vote: Approved unanimously

b. Public Service (To be honored in May)

- i. Confirmation of 2012-2013 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award Recipients. 7

The DSPSA committee recommends four individuals: John Eadie, Professor in the Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology; Scott Fishman, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine; Jay Lund, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; and Joy Melnikow, Department of Family and Community Medicine.

Motion: To accept the committee's recommendation for the DSPSA nominees.

Vote: Approved unanimously

c. Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility (CAFR)

- i. Report to the Representative Assembly on the committee's analysis of the Provost's response to last year's Representative Assembly resolutions. 9

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May 18, 2012 Report: <http://academicssenate.ucdavis.edu/ra/RA-Meeting-Call-2012-06-08.pdf> (page 62)

Resolutions: <http://academicssenate.ucdavis.edu/documents/CAFR-resolutions-6-8-2012-RA.pdf>

Prof. Adejunmobi (representing CAFR) gave a report summary:

A brief summary of events was made to help explain how the committee came to its original decision, and to justify why they retain the decision made. They responded to a few of the Provost's responses:

-Date mistakes: Ultimately, the action that attempted to undermine his academic freedom was a letter that came 3 weeks after the op-ed was published.

-Criticism of his work doctoring and running an exchange program: Emails were sent by the Dean to Professor Wilkes saying he would be removed from doctoring and from the program on Sept 30th. However, Professor Wilkes expressed disagreement on Sept 16th. The committee believes that the UCD medical center administration did not become aware of opposition with op-ed, but on Sept 16th with his email to them.

-There were concerns of him handling doctoring and directorship dating back a year, but disciplinary action only came after the op-ed was published. If their concerns were that serious, then why did they send an email to him but took no action?

-Letters are meant to be advisory: If there are factual inaccuracies in the op-ed, then why is the letter only sent to one out of two authors? The letter was sent to Professor Wilkes specifically.

Comments from the Senate floor:

-Some people feel that academic freedom cannot be voided on an interpersonal basis.

-The attorney letter was a point of particular debate, and some of the representative assembly members noted that this was not the first time UCD legal counsel has apparently used their positions to threaten faculty. Several feel this is never an appropriate use of counsel, especially when faculty academic freedom is involved.

-The administration's failure to apologize to Professor Wilkes is unacceptable.

Resolutions accepted by the Assembly

Resolved, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate:

First Motion: Accepts the report.

Vote: 35 Yes, 1 No

Action: Passed

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Second Motion: We find the administration's response to date unacceptable.

Vote: 23 Yes, 4 No

Action: Passed

- 8. Petitions of Students
- 9. Unfinished Business
- 10. University and Faculty Welfare
- 11. New Business
 - a. Academic Senate Administrative Oversight Committee Update – André Knoesen 14
The Administrative Oversight Special Committee (AOSC) report is working through phases, and the last phase was emergency response plans and policy actions. The police implemented 3 recommendations, and have 3 issues remaining. Some recommendations should be included in the ECMT Guide. The police review board is still an outstanding issue.
- 12. Informational Item
 - a. Committee on Courses of Instruction: Course Approval Deadlines for Course Offerings. 44

Abigail Thompson, Secretary
Representative Assembly of the
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Meeting Adjourned

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