

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

Monday, February 24, 2014
2:10 – 4:00 p.m.
Student Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room

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1. Approval of the October 28, 2013 Meeting Summary
Motion to accept October 28, 2013 transcript
Vote: 37 – 0
Action: Motion approved
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 P.B. Katehi
Presentation - http://chancellor.ucdavis.edu/speeches-writings/2014/state_of_campus_2014.html
 - b. Discussion of Campus Initiatives with the Chancellor
Topics of discussion included:

Increased Visibility in Sacramento, the State, the US and the World

- Visibility is achieved through the work of many people.
- The campus needs do things that are founded on its strengths.
- Last year there were 40 major honors for faculty.
- Presence in Sacramento will give visibility and access to state leaders and legislators.
- Steps need to be taken to highlight the work that UCD is doing.

Faculty Hiring

- 2/3 will be Senate.
- 1/3 will be lecturers/other steady appointments.

UC Retirement

- Things have been under better control than they were 3 years ago.
- The gap in pension is getting smaller.
- 2% increase in UC Care is the lowest it has been.
- Over time UCD will be able to provide high quality of service.

Student Experience

- Number of classrooms has increased.
- There are fewer students per class.
- Advising on the campus.

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2020 Initiative

- The state funding does not impact the number of students.
- UCD went from an increase of student cohort in the last 15 years.
- There is a place for the new students we are looking to bring in 2020.
- The majority of these 5,000 students are out of state or international; they pay 2 ½ more in tuition, they subsidize many domestic students.

How will we compete with other universities for talent?

- Historically salaries have been low.
- UCD is lower by a major gap than UC Berkeley, LA, and San Diego, this is not recent.
- The UC pension system has always been considered the top in the country.

University and Public Good

- One of the fundamental things is to provide access to students.
- Students need to be encouraged more in the issues of social justice.
- There are a large number of students that don't participate in these activities.
- There are students who haven't had the opportunity to offer their time for social good.
- This issue needs to be a key component of the curriculum.

Faculty Diversity

- There are a number of seminars to educate about unintended biases and practices on how to diversify the pools of candidates.
- Launching an initiative focused on human equity; there needs to be an environment that addresses the needs of individuals.
- There will be a survey that will be presented to the board of regents regarding the quality of our environment and climate that we have in our campus.
- With the changes of the 2020 initiative, this is the opportunity to diversify faculty.

2020 Resources

- More advising opportunities for international students.
- Expanded ESL program
- More opportunities for international students to interact with domestic students.

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5. Announcements by the Deans, Directors or other Executive Officers – None
6. Special Orders
 - a. Remarks by the Academic Senate Chair
 - Academic Organization Task Force Report available on the website
 - **Simplifying the Academic Personnel Process**
Summary of the comments from the committees have been submitted to the Vice Provost. A final proposal has not been reached.
 - Hoping to do implementation by 2015.
 - March 5th – town hall for department chairs to explain the proposal.
 - There will be a discussion at the April Representative Assembly meeting.
 - Voting will be held at the June Representative Assembly meeting.
 - Forum on Academic Freedom
Friday March 15 2:00 – 4:00
Studio Theater, Mondavi Center
Submit questions to academicfreedom@ucdavis.edu
7. Reports of standing committees
 - a. Committee on Committees
 - i. Confirmation of Academic Senate Chair Elect for 2014-2016
Motion to appoint André Knoesen as Academic Senate Chair
Vote: 47 – 0
Action: Motion approved
 - b. Faculty Research Lecture (To be honored during the Spring quarter)
 - i. Confirmation of the 2013-2014 Faculty Research Lecture Award Recipient
Motion to approve award recipient:
Howard Spero, Department of Planetary Sciences
Vote: 49 – 0
Action: Motion Approved 9
 - c. Public Service (To be honored during the Spring quarter)
 - i. Confirmation of the 2013-2014 Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award Recipients
Motion to approve award recipients:
Jamal Abedi, Randi Haerman, James Sanchirico, Edward Taylor
Vote: 49 – 0
Action: Motion approved 10

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- d. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel: Oversight Subcommittee

Motion to approve report

Vote: 49 – 0

Action: Motion approved

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8. Petitions of Students
9. Unfinished Business
10. University and Faculty Welfare
11. New Business
12. Informational Item
a. *College/School Bylaw and Regulation Update: School of Medicine

Meeting Adjourned

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Abigail Thompson, Secretary
Representative Assembly of the
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