

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

2:10 – 4:00 p.m.

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1. Approval of the February 24, 2015 Meeting Summary 2
[Motion to accept February 24, 2015 meeting summary](#)
[Motion seconded](#)
[Unanimously approved](#)
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
Remarks by the Academic Federation Chair –
 - a. Remarks by the Academic Federation Chair – Laura Van Winkle
[Laura Van Winkle gave a brief summary of the year. Points included:](#)
 - [The Academic Federation is somewhat parallel to the Senate, has over 1600 members and represents all titles that are not Senate.](#)
 - [AF & AS working together is an asset, and the AS leadership has provided a good example.](#)
 - [The AF has begun implementation of Step Plus which is complicated due to the fact there are 19 titles and three review committees for the Federation. Clarifying confusion of main research titles is a task, but the AF has been working with the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs to create a three point chart to help clarify appropriate titles for those coming to UC Davis, and guidelines for review were created. Issues with the peer review process have come to light, so that will be something to work on next year. Seven titles went to vote this year. All were approved with transition to Step Plus commencing July 1.](#)
 - b. Remarks by the Academic Senate Chair – André Knoesen
 1. [UC President Napolitano reports that the University has reached an agreement with Governor Brown to increase State support for UC. Below is a summary of the agreement:](#)
 - [The agreement provides UC with significant new revenue and stable funding that allows holding resident tuition at its current level for the next two years. In addition, nonresident supplemental tuition and professional](#)

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degree supplemental tuition would generally be increased in accord with the November budget resolution adopted by The Regents.

- In exchange for State funding provided for the University's pension plan, UC will implement retirement benefit changes for future UC employees who would affect only new employees hired after it is implemented July 1, 2016.
- The agreement expands a number of programmatic innovations underway or under development at UC, such as adopting systemwide transfer pathways, using data to support student success by eliminating course bottlenecks and improving academic advising, expanding three-year degree pathways, and better utilizing summer session and conducting a systemwide curriculum review to decrease students' time-to-degree. It also includes the university's plan to ensure that at least a third of its new students enter as transfers. How the agreed upon initiatives will be implemented on the Davis campus is under discussion.

2. The new Integrated Course Management System will be ready by end of spring quarter.

3. Course Prerequisites – There has been a lack of enforcement. Last year the Registrar proposed a system for implementation, but increased workload on faculty was an issue. A workgroup with representatives from Undergraduate Council & Graduate Council looked at it again and it was determined three things need to be in place:

1. Successful implementation of ICMS so Committee on Courses and Instruction does not have to review if only a prerequisite is changed
2. Accurate prerequisite information on all courses is required
3. A centralized database of pre-requisites completed by a student to simplify registration, and- efficient communication between student and instructor to mitigate any exceptions.

Pilots will be rolled out before full implementation, which is targeted for spring 2016.

4. Health Care Issues – President Napolitano said she does not anticipate any major changes for the next year and future decisions will include the Academic Senate.

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Question: What is going on with summer sessions on the Davis campus?

Answer: Concerns raised by department chairs related to Summer Sessions prompted the Academic Senate to work with the administration to focus on meeting curriculum needs of students. Meetings have been held in all the Colleges during spring, and while some adjustments were made in 2015, the expectation is that more substantive changes will be made for 2016

Question: What is the status of MIV? Answer: MIV will be kept as is and there will be an evaluation to see if it's being used most efficiently. It's extremely costly. We want to assure money is being spent wisely. The Executive Council is concerned about lack of governance concerning the use and collection of data, currently housed in MIV, and expanding the use of MIV as a data source. The Senate formed an Executive Council Special Committee on Academic Personnel Data Collection, Use and Distribution to provide recommendations regarding data governance next year.

7. Unfinished Business

2015 Response to the 2009 Representative Assembly Resolution on Hiring Practices (attached)

David Simpson explained why the Resolution is relevant in 2015. Currently the Academic Senate is not regularly seeing information on searches. It is unclear how many open searches are being conducted. The Academic Senate wants to assure fair search procedures are in place. This morning Provost Hexter indicated that the administration is willing to provide requested information to the Academic Senate for review by members of Affirmative Action & Diversity committee. A procedure will be put in place with a pilot for next year.

8. Reports of standing committees

- Committee on Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction – John Hunt

i. Davis Division Bylaw revisions

1. Davis Division Bylaw 121: Committee on Undergraduate Council (attached)

Motion to approve

Motion seconded vote

Unanimously approved

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The annual UC Davis Athletics: Academic Performance Data report was received yesterday and will be reviewed by Admissions & Enrollment and UGC this year. Question: Is the issue of concussions being considered by UCD athletics? Answer: Yes. This is on the radar nationally from elementary through professional level, and on the Davis campus. Question: Are there academic support systems in place for athletes on the Davis campus? Answer: Yes, but much less than most NCAA Division 1 schools. NCAA provides funding and this is used for tutors. Coaches provide much mentoring, e.g., study halls. Question: What are 4 & 5 year graduation rates? Answer: The four year rate is lower for all students, not just athletes, but the lower numbers for athletes may be due to them taking a red shirt year.	
• UC Davis Joint Senate - Administration Teaching and Research Animal Program Task Force Co-Chair – Sue Bodine (report attached) Question: Will rates of keeping animals be lower by next year? Answer: Uniform rate structure is being determined, the goal is to have rates lower.	

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Question: What about teaching? Will this include centralizing course fees too?

Answer: This will look at rates for research and teaching.

AS chair indicated recommendations emerging from this initiative will be monitored to ensure the Academic Senate is involved as appropriate.

12. Informational Item

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Meeting adjourned 3:55 P.M.

Secretary

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