

TRANSCRIPT (**Draft**)
REGULAR MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE DAVIS DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

2:10 – 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Union, MU II

1. Transcript from the June 9, 2005 meeting -

Action: 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
 - a. Remarks by the Graduate Student Association President - Jonathan Karpel
 - b. Remarks by the Associated Students of UC Davis President - Caliph Assagai
 - c. Remarks by the Divisional Chair - Daniel L. Simmons

Chair Simmons outlined current priorities for the Davis Division as follows:

- Graduate Student Fees/Non-Resident Tuition
- Salary Inversion (faculty salary scales vs. off scale salaries)
- Budgetary Advise to the Administration
- General Education and the potential revision of the General Education requirements including the possible addition of an international education component. The General Education Committee, in collaboration with the Committee on International Studies and Exchanges and campus administration, will work on proposed revisions.
- Course Approval System and Process improvement: Chair Simmons noted that improvements have been implemented that have helped to reduce the committee workload. Chair Simmons extended his appreciation to the Committee on Courses of Instruction for pursuing these changes.
- Degree Approval Taskforce: The Davis Division is working to simplify the degree approval process in the Policies and Procedures.
- Transition of the Division of Biological Sciences to the College of Biological Sciences
- Creation of special committee or task force to tackle important campus issues such as: program review and approval, organized research units; transition to Division I athletics.
- Executive Council priorities for 2005-06
 - Description of newly formulated council structure: Executive Council and two subcommittees consisting of the Council of College/Professional School Faculty Chairs; and, the Academic Senate Personnel Issues Task Force
 - An orderly conversation with the Chancellor and Provost will be regularly scheduled, separate from the Executive Council meetings, to allow standing committee chairs to participate.

(The demonstration of MySenate was tabled to the February meeting due to campus network malfunctions.)

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Action: Except as noted, all reports were approved by the Representative Assembly.

d. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility

e. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Personnel

i. Appellate Committee – **removed for further discussion**

A member raised a concern that former Committee on Academic Personnel members are serving and have previously served on the Appellate Committee, impacting the number of successful appeals. The member thought that procedure mandated the appointment only of members who have not previously served.

Action: The Committee on Committees has been asked to review the procedures and report back to the Assembly during the February 3, 2005 Representative Assembly meeting.

Action: Unanimous approval of the report followed the discussion.

ii. Oversight Committee

f. Annual Report of the Committee on Academic Planning and Budget Review

g. Annual Report of the Committee on Admissions and Enrollment

h. Annual Report of the Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity

i. Annual Report of the Committee on Committees

j. Annual Report of the Committee on Courses of Instruction

k. Annual Report of the Committee on Distinguished Teaching Awards

l. Annual Report of the Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction

m. Annual Report of the Emeriti Committee

n. Annual Report of the Executive Council

o. Annual Report of the Faculty Privilege and Academic Personnel Advisers

p. Annual Report of the Committee on Faculty Welfare

q. Annual Report of the Grade Changes Committee

r. Annual Report of the Graduate Council

s. Annual Report of the Committee on International Studies and Exchanges

t. Annual Report of the Joint Academic Federation/Senate Personnel Committee

u. Annual Report of the Library Committee

v. Annual Report of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure – Meeting Handout
- **removed for further discussion**

Members expressed concern about the Administration's disregard of the recommendations from the Investigative Subcommittee. The Committee on Privilege and Tenure will report back to the Assembly with a list of fundamental problems and recommended actions, including appointment of a special committee if necessary.

Action: The report was approved following the discussion, with one opposing vote.

w. Annual Report of the Committee on Public Service

x. Annual Report of the Committee on Research

y. Annual Report of the Committee on Student-Faculty Relationships

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z. Annual Report of the Committee on Transportation and Parking – Meeting Handout

aa. Annual Report of the Undergraduate Council – **removed for further discussion**

The 2004 Chair of the Undergraduate Council was asked to provide a report on the progress of the Special Committee on Academic Probation, Disqualification, Dismissal, and Minimum Progress. Former Undergraduate Council Chair Matthew Farrens reported that the special committee, in collaboration with the Undergraduate Council and a joint administration/senate committee, co-chaired by Professor Farrens and Interim Vice Provost-Undergraduate Studies Fred Wood, overhauled the minimum progress calculation, notified students and staff concerning the new calculation method, and passed an amendment to Davis Division Regulation A552 reflecting the new calculation method. The amended language of A552 includes the requirement for Colleges Faculty Executive Committees to develop an annual report in order for the Davis Division to verify compliance.

Action: The report was unanimously approved following the discussion.

- i. Annual Report of the Committee on General Education
- ii. Annual Report of the Committee on Preparatory Education
- iii. Annual Report of the Committee on Special Academic Programs
- iv. Annual Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction and Program Review

bb. Annual Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Prizes – **removed from the consent calendar** – not available; will be distributed at February Representative Assembly meeting

7. Reports of standing committees

a. CERJ: Proposal to create DDBL 153 to create the faculty of the newly created College of Biological Sciences-CBS

Action: Unanimously approved the creation of DDBL 153; and by a separate vote unanimously approved immediate implementation of the newly approved DDBL 153.

8. Petitions of Students

9. Unfinished Business

10. University and Faculty Welfare

11. New Business

a. Graduate Student Funding Task Force: *Graduate Fees and Tuition: Academic Senate Resolution*

Graduate Council Chair, Professor Andrew Waterhouse, proposed amending the final paragraph of the resolution following discussion by the Graduate Council. Many members were in favor of simply stating that the Academic Senate is resolved in seeking elimination of the current policy. The proposed amendment was not accepted, with one vote in favor and the rest opposed.

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After making two minor wording changes, the Assembly discussed the original resolution. The final resolution is attached, is posted on MySenate as a News Item, and on the Academic Senate web sit at

<http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/index.htm>

Action: The Resolution was passed following the discussion, with two opposing votes.

Susan Kauzlarich, Secretary
Representative Assembly of the
Davis Division of the Academic Senate