MEETING
As Chair Linda Cohen and Chair Elect-Secretary James Steintrager were unable to attend, the Chair of the Committee on Committees, Veronica Vieira, called to order the regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14th, 2019, in the Academic Senate Conference Room in Aldrich Hall 338.

1. Roll Call
Quorum was met. Members of the Administration and the University community were present. No members of the press were present.

2. Announcements by Provost Lavernia
Provost Lavernia provided an update on principles for allocation of FTE over the next few years and answered questions about diversity and hiring. The Provost and Michael Dennin, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning provided perspective on the extent to which the Administration sees the campus embracing online education and in what areas and answered questions about impacts of new online courses on in-person courses.

3. Draft Minutes
The Assembly unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 31, 2019 as distributed.

4. Special Orders - Consent Calendar:
   a. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 40. Faculties
   b. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 125. Rules and Jurisdiction, Committee on Action: The Assembly voted unanimously to approve items the consent calendar (28 to 0 with no abstentions). The modifications to Bylaw 40 clarify the parameters around Faculties’ authority in determining their own bylaws, regulations, and government. The modifications to Bylaw 125 clarify the Senate’s practice for reviewing Faculties’ bylaws and align Bylaw 125 with current practice.

5. Proposed Memorial on Fossil Fuel Divestment
David Brownstone, Professor Emeritus of Economics, presented on the San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate’s proposed Memorial on Fossil Fuel Divestment. The Memorial would petition the Regents to divest the University’s endowment portfolio of all investments in the 200 publicly traded fossil fuel companies with the largest carbon reserves. Dr. Brownstone expressed that in his opinion, this would not be an effective
way to go about achieving a laudable goal. He suggested that partnering with likeminded institutions and putting forward a shareholder proposal or urging the Office of the UC Chief Investment Officer to support a carbon tax might be more effective. Members of the Assembly raised questions about proposing revisions to the Memorial and the Memorial process.

6. EEE/Canvas Transition
Erik Kelly, Instructional Technology Support Manager, Office of Information Technology, and Briandy Walden, Associate Director, OIT Student & Academic Services presented on the campus transition from EEE to Canvas. Kelly shared information on multi-section course spaces, plans to consolidate TA management, Canvas integrations with third-party online homework tools, and submitting final grades to the Registrar. Kelly provided instructions on how to download historical grade records and upload syllabi to make them available to potential students. OIT is now offering individual Canvas appointments for faculty to ask questions. Kelly and Walden answered questions about Canvas course space creation and Gradebook. Members of the Assembly were encouraged to download their historical grades and to send in questions, concerns, and suggestions via email and to encourage their colleagues to do the same.

7. Outcome of UC Negotiations with Elsevier
Lorelei Tanji, University Librarian and John Renaud, Associate University Librarian for Research Resources provided an update on the outcome of UC negotiations with Elsevier. UC continues to have online access to all Elsevier articles licensed prior to January 1, 2019. Tanji assured faculty that the UCI Libraries stand ready to assist faculty in accessing the articles they need for their research and teaching. Members of the Assembly raised questions about the motivations of negotiations and negotiations with other publishers.

8. Announcements by Chair Linda Cohen
Chair Cohen was unable to attend. COC Chair Vieira shared Academic Council Chair Robert May and UC Provost Michael Brown’s memo asking campuses to review the UC Transfer Admissions Guarantee and campus transfer pathways.

9. Announcements by Other Administrative Officers: None

10. Reports of Special Committees: None

11. Reports of Standing Committees: None

12. Petitions of Students: None

13. Unfinished Business: None

14. University and Faculty Welfare: None

15. New Business: None
16. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

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