MEETING
Chair Linda Cohen called to order the regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly at 3:34 p.m. on Thursday, May 2nd, 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. Draft Minutes
The Assembly voted unanimously (25 to 0 with 2 abstentions) to approve the minutes of March 14, 2019 as distributed.

3. Proposed Modifications to Appendix I, Chapter VI. School of Humanities
Issue: The School of Humanities submitted revised bylaws for adoption into the Manual of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate. The revisions clarify procedures around Chair and Vice Chair terms (the Vice Chair serves one year as Vice Chair before becoming Chair for the second year of a two-year term) and preventing any Department from having more than two members as representatives to the Divisional Senate Assembly of the Irvine Division.

Action: The Assembly voted unanimously (28 to 0 with 1 abstention) to adopt the revisions to Appendix I, Chapter VI. School of Humanities into the Manual of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate. The Assembly voted (24 to 0 with 3 abstentions) that these revisions be made effective immediately.

4. Proposed Modifications to Bylaw 60. Committees, Committee on
Issue: The Committee on Committees (COC) proposed modifications to Bylaw 60 to give COC the authority to remove members from Senate committees. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to, holding an administrative title as defined in Bylaw 35(f) of the Manual of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate, lack of participation or poor attendance, and conflicts of interest not previously known to the committee.

Action: Members of the Assembly suggested changing the word “reasons” in the Bylaw to “evidence.” The Assembly voted (10 to 19 with 2 abstentions) to reject the amendment to the proposal. The Assembly voted (24 to 6 with no abstentions) to approve the modifications as presented by the Committee on Committees. The
Assembly voted (26 to 4 with no abstentions) that these revisions be made effective immediately.

5. Proposed Memorial on Fossil Fuel Divestment
Issue: The San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate proposed a 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.

Victor Fleischer, Professor of Law, presented on endowment policy, historical context, and pros and cons to the proposal.

Action: The Assembly voted (11 to 15 with 2 abstentions) to reject the proposed Memorial. Senate Chair Cohen will ask members of the Assembly to share feedback on the rationale for their votes.

6. Academic Integrity
Terry Dalton, Chair of the Academic Integrity Review Board, provided an update on campus reporting of academic integrity cases.

The Assembly discussed potential reasons for uneven reporting of academic integrity cases across Schools and suggested partnering with ASUCI to engage students on the issue of academic integrity.

7. Managing Student Distress
Marcelle Hayashida, Associate Vice Chancellor for Wellness, Health and Counseling Services, provided an overview of the resources available for managing student distress. AVC Hayashida encouraged members to sign up for training workshops, make appropriate referrals, consider adding language about campus resources to their syllabi, and to consider using PowerPoint “bell ringers” before class. AVC Hayashida also provided information about wellness activities on campus and resources available to students experiencing financial anxiety.

Senate Chair Cohen asked the Assembly to share this information with their colleagues.

8. Announcements by Chair Linda Cohen
Chair Cohen announced that the new Council on Equity and Inclusion began meeting this spring.

Chair Cohen asked members of the Assembly to share ideas for potential discussion topics with Provost Lavernia at the next Assembly meeting.

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 4:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kate Brigman
Attest: James Steintrager, Chair Elect-Secretary
Academic Senate, Irvine Division