MEETING
A regular meeting of the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly was called to order by Chair Linda Cohen at 3:32 pm on Thursday, December 6th, 2018, 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 campus efforts to grow and diversify the faculty and enhance student access and success.

235 new faculty (108 net new faculty) have been hired since 2015-16. From 2016-18, continued gains have been made in gender, but not in underrepresented minorities. This academic year, the Provost has modified hiring programs, increasing the inclusive excellence incentive from 0.5 to 1 FTE, intensifying hiring of President’s Postdoctoral Fellows into faculty positions, and focusing on building the pipeline to the professoriate. The Systemwide budget for the President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program was doubled at the urging of the Provosts.

The Provost reported that academic deans were asked to prepare and submit diversity accountability reports, and that the Academic Planning Group is reviewing these reports.

The Provost highlighted a number of strategic hiring and retention initiatives, including UCI FORWARD, the President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, and Society of Inclusive Excellence Fellows, as well as development and diversity programs to assist in providing support to and retaining current faculty.

The Provost reported that the campus increased its freshman four-year graduation rate to 69.4% in 2011-13 from 61.5% in 2003-05, and increased the two-year graduation rate to 52.4% in 2013-15 from 48.7% in 2003-05. The Provost noted that these improvements occurred while numbers of first-generation and underrepresented minority students on campus continued to grow, and thanked the faculty for their work in improving these metrics.

The Provost announced that the COMPASS system is being deployed to allow faculty to get more insight into the composition of their classes and success rates.
The Provost shared data on undergraduate graduation rates by cohort.

The Provost answered questions about students changing majors, strategies for enrollment management, outcomes of the Ad Hoc Committee on Advising’s recommendations, support mechanisms for transfer students, and distribution of FTEs.

The Provost reiterated that academic deans will need to ensure that progress is being made in reaching our URM faculty hiring goals. This is a priority for the Regents and the UC Office of the President.

The Provost noted that the UC system will be requesting a budget increase.

3. Special Orders - Consent Calendar:
   a. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 40. Faculties and Regulation 605. Francisco J. Ayala School of Biological Sciences
   b. Proposal to Modify Appendix IX. Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, and conforming changes to Regulations 625, 630, 635, and 640
   c. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 125. Rules and Jurisdiction, Committee on
   d. Proposal to Modify Appendix I., Chapter VIII. College of Health Sciences
   e. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 80. Delegation of Representatives to the Assembly
   f. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 26. Membership
   g. Proposal to Modify Bylaw 27. Election of Representatives and Bylaw 165. Procedures Governing Meetings of the Divisional Assembly

Action: The Assembly voted 24 to 0 with 2 abstentions to approve the entire consent calendar.

The modifications to Bylaw 40 and Regulation 605 make the language at the Systemwide and Divisional levels consistent (Standing Order 110.1 does not list the Ayala name in the title of the School of Biological Sciences), and the addition of the “Susan and Henry Samueli” names to the College of Health Sciences reflect the College’s new name (which completed Divisional review and received UC Presidential approval 2/16/2018).

The modifications to Appendix IX. Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees and Regulations 625, 630, 635, and 640 update the text to reflect the current degrees offered.

The modifications to Bylaw 125 remove the University Registrar as an ex officio member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdictions, per the University Registrar’s request.
The modifications to Appendix I., Chapter VIII. College of Health Sciences update the College’s bylaws, accommodate the independent status of the four member Schools and programs, and articulate policies that encourage engagement, intellectual exchange, teaching and service responsibilities that reflect the collaborative nature of the larger enterprise.

The modifications to Bylaw 80 clarify the language and ensure conformity with the Academic Senate’s Bylaw that states “the selection and use of alternates must be specified in Divisional Bylaws” (SBL 105.B.1.). The modifications also align Bylaw 80 with current practice, as the Committee on Committees has not been appointing alternates to specific Divisional Representatives.

The modifications to Bylaw 26 make the Chair of the new Council on Equity and Inclusion (to be formed in Winter 2018) a member of the Divisional Senate Assembly, and remove the need for conforming changes each time a council is renamed, removed, or created.

The modifications to Bylaw 27 and Bylaw 165 provide clarity by explicitly permitting Chairs and representatives of the Faculties of the Division to have substitutes to the Divisional Senate Assembly. The modifications also expand the privileges of substitutes to full membership privileges. Prior to these modifications, IBL 165.B. only permitted a designated representative (i.e. substitute) of a council/committee of the Division to move or second actions on reports of that council/committee.

4. Annual Reports of Standing Committees 2017-18
Chair Cohen noted that the following annual reports are available on the Senate website at: http://senate.uci.edu/annual-reports/2017-18-annual-reports/.

- Senate Chair’s Annual Report
- Council on Academic Personnel
- Council on Educational Policy
- Council on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom
- Graduate Council
- Council on Planning and Budget
- Council on Research, Computing and Libraries
- Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience
- Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools
- Committee on Committees
- Committee on Privilege and Tenure
- Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction
- Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards
- Academic Integrity Review Board
- Assessment Committee
- Board on Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors and Financial Aid
- Campuswide Honors Program Board
- Subcommittee on Courses
Subcommittee on International Education

5. Proposed Modifications to Bylaw 35. Committees
The Committee on Committees proposed modifications to Bylaw 35. The proposed modifications describe the eligibility of faculty with administrative titles to serve on Senate committees, councils, and boards.

Committee on Committees Chair Veronica Vieira noted that the proposed modifications restrict membership on Senate committees, councils, and boards of those faculty with administrative titles at and above the level of Department Chair in order to maintain the separation of faculty and the Administration for shared governance and to reduce potential conflicts of interest. The Committee on Committees will continue to review cases individually for administrative titles that may be vague. The modification reflects current Committee on Committees practice.

The following language is proposed to be added:
“No member of the Division holding an administrative title of Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Provost, Vice Provost, or Dean may serve as a member of a Divisional committee or as a member of any Committee on Committees-appointed taskforce, committee, or agency (except in a non-voting, ex officio capacity). For Senate members holding any other Administrative position with a level that does not clearly match these conditions, the Committee on Committees will rule on the eligibility of the faculty member by a majority vote. Chairs of academic departments are generally permitted to serve on Senate Committees, but are excluded from serving on the Council on Planning and Budget, the Council on Academic Personnel, the Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries, the Academic Program Review Board, and Committees for which the Committee on Committees identifies a conflict of interest.”

Action: The Assembly voted 29 to 0 with 1 abstention to approve the modifications to Bylaw 35. A second motion was made to have the approved changes go into effect immediately and passed 29 to 0 with no abstentions.

6. Proposed Modifications to Appendix II. Grade Appeals
The Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience proposed modifications to Appendix II. The intent of the modifications is to provide clarity in the steps and stages of the grade appeals process and its defined terms, to include references to the Faculty Code of Conduct, to provide greater flexibility in timelines, and to include Graduate Council representation on grievance panels.

Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience Analyst Julie Kennedy noted that the proposed modifications better reflect Senate procedures, explicitly include language outlining representation for Graduate Council on graduate student grievance panels, and make timelines more clear.
Action: The Assembly voted 29 to 0 with 2 abstentions to approve the modifications to Appendix II. A second motion was made to have the approved changes go into effect immediately and passed 30 to 0 with 1 abstention.

7. Proposal to Establish a B.S. in Psychology
The Department of Cognitive Sciences proposed a B.S. in Psychology (to eventually replace the B.A. in Psychology pending further assessment of trends).

Cognitive Sciences Department Chair Ramesh Srinivasan presented the proposal. The proposed curriculum includes six lower-division science and math courses, at least one Logic and Philosophy of Science course, and a higher level of Statistics preparation than that required for the B.A. The Department of Cognitive Sciences plans to offer both the B.A. and B.S. through the 2022-2023 academic year, and to evaluate continuation of the B.A. at that time. This would allow the Department time to restructure its undergraduate curriculum, allow current students to graduate, build a knowledge base with the pipeline of potential applicants, and evaluate demand for the B.A.

The Assembly discussed potential impacts to the Department of Psychological Science and its undergraduate major, course requirements for the B.S., inclusion of the Logic and Philosophy of Science course requirement, and the possibility to continue to concurrently offer the B.A. and B.S. in Cognitive Sciences.

Chair Srinivasan noted that upper division courses in Cognitive Sciences are distinct from those offered by Psychological Science, and that students often switch majors between these two departments. Psychological Science Department Chair Chuansheng Chen confirmed his Department’s support for the proposal.

Action: The Assembly voted 28 to 0 with 1 abstention to approve the proposal to establish a BS in Psychology.

8. Elsevier Negotiations Update
University Librarian Lorelei Tanji, Associate University Librarian for Research Resources John Renaud, and Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries Chair Jeffrey Barrett provided an update on the status of the University of California’s ongoing negotiations with Elsevier. The Assembly was encouraged to share this update with their colleagues, visit the website on University of California journal negotiations at https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/scholarly-publishing/publisher-negotiations/, and to contact John Renaud with any questions at jrenaud@uci.edu or (949) 824-5216.

The Assembly discussed subscription fees, open access fees, the University of California’s open access model, and University of California goals for new pilots with journal publishers.

9. In Memoriam
Chair Cohen announced that the Academic Senate received notice of the passing of six faculty colleagues, and indicated that remembrances were available both in the meeting packets provided and on the Senate website.

Gilmore, Bernard (1937-2013)
Green, Michael (1937-2018)
Hickok, Robert (1927-2018)
Rasmussen Hinson, Nina (1941-2018)
van Overeem, Willem (1932-2015)
Wallis, Richard (1924-2015)

10. Announcements by Chair Linda Cohen
Chair Cohen encouraged the Assembly to share information on the status of University of California negotiations with Elsevier with their colleagues.

11. Announcements by Other Administrative Officers
None

12. Reports of Special Committees
None

13. Reports of Standing Committees
None

14. Petitions of Students
None

15. Unfinished Business
None

16. University and Faculty Welfare
None

17. New Business
None

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

19. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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Minutes prepared by Kate Brigman
Attest: James Steintrager, Chair Elect-Secretary
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