

**Report of the Representative to the Assembly of the Academic Senate
May 11, 2005**

TO: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The meeting had a lot of business, including five votes on bylaws and regulations. Several important informational items were also presented. All items submitted to a vote came from standing committee reports.

Action Items

The most important item concerned UC Merced. The Assembly voted to accept UC Merced as the tenth division of the UC Senate, contingent on the Council certifying that sufficient resources are in place for effective operation. The resolution was passed, unanimously, by voice vote.

Professor Ruth Greenblatt of UCSF was voted in as the vice chair of UC Committee on Committees.

Assembly accepted a resolution endorsed by Council. Specifically, Assembly voted to modify the bylaws so that the system-wide COC must appoint members of subcommittees of UC wide committees on an annual basis.

Council considered a proposal to streamline the articulation process that serves students to transfer to the UC from community colleges. Currently, the process is cumbersome, with each UC division having to review courses from a number of different community colleges. The new process would reduce the work of Senate committees on each campus in that the new default option would be to accept courses at all campuses that had been accepted by at least four Divisions, with each campus having the right to opt out of any blanket agreements. UCR&J has found the proposed regulation is consistent with the Senate Bylaws. There was discussion of whether to replace the word "campus" with the word "Division." By voice vote, the Assembly opted to keep the resolution in its original wording. After continued discussion the Assembly voted in favor of the proposed Senate Regulation 477.

There was a proposed change in the regulations concerning transfer students (Resolution 478). Currently, we have the IGETC. This resolution would relax IGETC for students in Physical and Biological Sciences who would now be allowed to transfer without having already fulfilled all the general education courses. These students would be allowed to take one social and behavioral science course and one arts or humanities course at UCSC in order to fulfill the GenEd requirements. Passed unanimously.

UCGC proposed a revision to regulation 600B which would allow faculty members to pursue post-baccalaureate degrees on their own campus, as long as there was no conflict of interest. After a spirited debate, the resolution passed: 30 for and 18 opposed.

The Academic Council proposed a resolution concerning restriction of funding. The proposal had been circulated to the campuses, and all campuses offered comments. Part of the discussion centered on a motion to change the title of the resolution. After many points of view were offered, some at extremely great length, the resolution passed. The essence of the resolution is this: only the Board of Regents can restrict accepting of funds by researchers at the UC. Departments and Divisions cannot ban research based upon the funding source.

Informational items presented by Chair Blumenthal

Chair Blumenthal informed the Assembly about some of Council's actions. Council agreed that any publication funded by Prop 71 funds would become available on a university website within 6 months of acceptance for scholarly publication.

University-wide minor

University will adopt a system-wide code of ethics, consistent with the Bayh-Dole Act for corporations. This will go to the Regents, with the understanding that the new code of ethics does not supercede UC Bylaws.

The search for a new Chancellor of Riverside is near completion. Also, the Chancellor of UCD will be undergoing the regular periodic review. There is discussion of disbanding the California Space Institute and a proposal for developing a new space-relevant multi-campus unit.

The question arose as to what will be the role of the Senate in reviewing the operation of the Cal ISI's? At present there is an MCRU review mechanism; but Cal ISI's are not necessarily Multicampus units.

A Proposal regarding the CSU's being able to award doctorates passed unanimously through the state Senate Education committee in Sacramento. The Senate has ruled that the legislation next goes to the appropriations committee. UCOP is putting together arguments against such a proposal. There is a great difference in opinion about the need for Ed.D.'s in California (CSU says the state needs 1000; UC is doing a needs-assessment.)

Governor Schwarzenegger has pulled back from his effort to convert Defined Benefits Program to Defined Contributions Program for all state employees, including those of UC. UC was active in opposing this effort.

The contract for Lawrence Berkeley National Lab was awarded to UC. But, oversight of the lab will be performed by a separate group from the Presidential Council. The Los Alamos draft RFP has been substantially revised. The proposed management fee will be set at \$68 M, not the \$8M that UC currently receives. This has the effect of increasing the

number of bidders. Lockheed Martin will compete. The cost for UC to bid for this contract will cost \$5M. Also, the cost to UC for the LANL closure for six months was about \$5M. If UC loses the LANL contract, there will have to be a new retirement system for LANL employees. The LLNL competition has been delayed for two years.

Other informational items

Report by BOARS – now in a period of reflection.

Faculty Welfare report by John Oakley. Parking. Housing, Audit of Health Care Eligibilities may save several million dollars. Retirement issues – now in a period of truce with the governor. Trying to make family friendly amendments to the APM. Need to improve child care. Child care needs to be a funding priority.

Respectfully Submitted;

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY

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