

## Report of Representatives to the Assembly

To: The Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division  
From: Susan Schwartz, Representative to the Assembly

The Assembly of the Academic Senate of the University of California held two regular meetings on February 28 and May 23, 2001. Following are highlights from these meetings.

### A. President Atkinson's Remarks

1. **2001-2002 Budget-** The Governor's May revision to the budget includes \$100 million in new funds for energy costs and \$12.8 million for increased enrollments; however, due to the slowing economy and the reduction in 2001-2002 revenues it cuts Partnership funds to UC by \$90 million. The Senate and Assembly versions of the budget differ a bit from the Governor's budget and from each other and the conference committee will begin to resolve these differences. Restoration of the Partnership funds is among the University's highest priorities.
2. **California Institutes for Science and Innovation-** Three institutes are moving forward with the first of four \$75 million annual State appropriations approved by the Governor and the legislature. The California Institute for Bioengineering, Biotechnology, and Quantitative Biomedicine, is a collaboration between UCSF, UCB and **UCSC**. \$33 million of initial funding for a fourth Institute, The Center for Information Technology Research and the Interest of Society (a collaboration between UCB, UCD, UCM, and **UCSC**) was approved by the Governor and the legislature.
3. **Fall 2001 Admissions-** UC had an 8% increase in freshmen applications with gains in freshman admissions from all ethnic groups. The number of admissions systemwide increased by 18.5% among Chicanos, 17.2% among Latinos, 13.6% among African Americans, 6.3% among American Indians and 5.2% among students of other ethnicities.
4. **Housing Task Force-** To address the housing crisis facing the University, a housing task force co-chaired by Regent Sue Johnson and Senior Vice President Mullinix and consisting of representatives from The Regents, campuses, the Academic Senate, students and community members has been appointed.
5. **UC Merced-** Professor David Ashley was appointed as executive vice chancellor for UC Merced. Interviews for major administrative positions are underway.

### B. Academic Senate Chair Cowan's announcements

Chair Cowan intends to establish a committee to deal with the academic component of year round operation. He also mentioned that faculty consultation on the effects on admissions of rescinding SP-1 and SP-2 would be required over the summer and that faculty participation would be compensated.

**C. The Variance to Senate Regulations regarding UCSC's grading system was unanimously approved at the February 28, 2001 meeting.**

**D. Dual Admissions Policy (DAP)**

Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) Chair Dorothy Perry, made a presentation to the Assembly on the Dual Admissions Policy. This policy was first proposed by President Atkinson and endorsed with modification by BOARS. The Dual Admissions Policy allows non-UC eligible high school seniors in the top 12.5% of their graduating class to apply for admission to UC and guarantees admission after successful completion of a course of study at a California community college. The goal of this program is to increase the number of community college graduates that transfer to UC campuses. The Assembly approved in principle the DAP with the understanding that the program will be instituted only with adequate funding for counseling and a formal review of the program after 5 years. After numerous concerns were expressed, the Assembly passed a change in Senate Regulation 476 to add this fourth eligibility path to UC.

**E. Senate Bylaws Changes Governing Privilege & Tenure Standards**

The University Committee on Privilege & Tenure presented modifications to the Universitywide Senate Bylaws governing the standards and procedures used by P&T committees to be approved by the Assembly. The modifications separate a single bylaw into three bylaws describing each of the main procedures that P&T deals with (discipline, grievance, and early termination) and clarify regulations to protect faculty rights and expedite the dealings of P&T. After two small amendments the revisions were approved unanimously.

**F. Amendment to Senate Regulation 630**

The University Committee on Educational Policy presented an amendment of Senate Regulation 630 for approval by the Assembly. This amendment removes the restriction on the number of quarters or semesters a student can complete in summer session. This amendment passed.

**G. Report from UC Faculty Welfare**

Chair Judith Gruber reported on: 1) the Regent's approval of significant improvements to the UC Retirement System; 2) the availability of UCOP matching funds for construction of childcare facilities; 3) the reduction of UC Partnership Funds not permitting salary parity with our comparison Universities but allowing merit increases and a 0.5% COLA for faculty; 4) the unfavorable UC budget climate resulting in the domestic partner benefit equalization initiative being put on hold.