Report of the Representative to the Assembly of the Academic Senate  
March 10, 2004

TO: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The statewide assembly of the Academic Senate met on March 10, 2004 via teleconference. President Dynes gave a brief presentation of the state of the UC system, with subsequent Senate actions. In short, the meeting dealt with few major issues and referred to the spring meeting as being more dynamic.

President Dynes's presentation focused on a few key points. First, President Dynes is very concerned with the fee increases for graduate and professional schools and has actively been engaged in educating politicians towards the consequences of such a move. Second, he is aware of the difficulty in retaining and recruiting faculty and is working towards improvement in these areas. Finally, President Dynes is concerned with the loss of outreach programs since they are a principle force in recruiting under-represented students. Currently, UC has proportionally less under-represented students than are in the general populace and by removing the outreach programs, this disparity will increase even more.

Vice Chair G. Blumenthal then discussed the issue of the national lab management. It appears that LBNL will likely remain under UC management in the immediate future because of its intimate interaction with UCB and its lack of classified research. However, the LLNL and LANL management contracts will soon go up for bid. The key question is shall UC participate in this bidding process? V.C. Blumenthal believes this question should be presented to the system-wide Senate in an electronic survey which will be enacted in the spring. White papers concerning the central issues of the national labs have been posted on the UCOP web site. (www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/committees/council/acsconl/reports.html)

Action items were then addressed and can be summarized as follows.

Unanimous vote for Cliff Brunk as Vice Chair.
Unanimous vote for Peter Berck for Secretary/Parliamentarian.
Unanimous vote to accept previous assembly minutes and submitted reports.
Unanimous vote for Ad Hoc Committee recommendations for Bylaws revisions.
Unanimous vote to amend Senate Bylaw 335 (proposed by the Committee on Privilege and Tenure – bringing it into accord with the Whistleblower policies).
Unanimous vote to amend Senate Regulation 630 (from the Committee on Educational Policy-including UC Center in Sacramento with other programs considered “in residence”).

Barbara Sawrey then gave a report on the BOARS activities. BOARS has been concentrating on admission and eligibility issues and plans to make a recommendation to the Regents in early July, immediately after the CPEC study is presented in early June. These recommendations will have a major impact on the statewide UC system and yet the Senate will only have a short window of time (after CPEC report submission and before the Regents meeting) to meet and make recommendations. More news concerning this process will be on the UCOP web site.
Finally, John Oakley presented a status report on faculty welfare in which he briefly touched on the issues regarding UCRS, the Health Sciences Task Force Report, Phased employment/ Retirement and Health Care. Details of these issues can be found at the UCOP web site.

Respectfully Submitted;

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY
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