

**Report of the Representative to the Assembly of the Academic Senate  
May 12, 2004**

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The statewide assembly of the Academic Senate met on May 12, 2004 at UCLA. 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 summer meeting as being critical for the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) decision.

President Dynes' presentation focused on a few key points. First, President Dynes is interested in developing more support for UC in Sacramento by advocacy programs. Specifically, he mentioned Alumni as advocates to educate the legislators on the benefits of UC. Second, the national Lab survey has been launched (20% returned) and he is currently interviewing for the Chancellor of LLBL. Third, the search for the chancellor for UCSC is in progress. Finally, President Dynes discussed the compact with the governor. This compact is meant to stop the cuts to UC and indicates a bottom level of the UC budget. He observed that historically, when UC has entered into compacts with Sacramento, UC obtained greater amounts than the compact defined. Specifically, this compact will mean that Outreach is restored (but funding source is uncertain), immediate graduate fee increases are reduced and the compact keeps UC Merced on track. However, President Dynes stressed that this is just a handshake agreement and it still needs to be approved by the legislators.

Action items were then addressed and can be summarized as follows:  
Unanimous vote for the Academic Council Resolution on the Budget  
Unanimous vote for Senate Bylaw changes

The discussion of the BOARS plan was then begun and the options of changing standards (such as GPA vs. SAT) and their subsequent consequences were discussed. The key issue that concerned the senate members was how to change the eligibility standards but not affect the diversity of the student body. The principles of eligibility were then discussed. These principles include, easy methods to determine eligibility, the best students from each high school should be eligible, the grades in the a-g high school courses should be of highest importance, non-traditionally educated students should be provided access, BOARS should continue monitoring the best ways to assess which students do best at UC and finally, the eligibility standards should be monitored regularly to ensure compliance with UC admission goals. These principles were passed unanimously. Other related issues were discussed, such as student athletes, minority enrollment projections and the predictive quality of SAT2, but the final decision of the eligibility levels was postponed to the June meeting, after the BOARS recommendations are submitted.

The last item of the day was an oral update of Faculty Welfare from Ross Starr. The main issues were that health care cost are increasing, UC employees will soon be able to double their retirement withholdings by opening a 457b plan (for government organizations) and that the educational fee waiver for faculty dependents was progressing as well as could be expected given the budget situation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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