

Report of the Representative to the Assembly of the Academic Senate

TO: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

March 13, 2006 Special Assembly Meeting in Oakland, California

There was a special meeting of the Academic Assembly in Oakland, California on March 13, which was called by petition of members of the Academic Council. At its February meeting, the Academic Council had voted no confidence in systemwide Senate Chair Clifford Brunk. Council members requested his voluntary resignation and agreed that if a resignation was not forthcoming within a week, they would call an emergency meeting of the Assembly to consider his removal. This led to the petition for a special Assembly meeting.

Because of the confidential nature of the discussion, the Assembly conducted its business in executive session. Besides Assembly members, the only individuals allowed to remain were two staff members, two attorneys from the Office of General Counsel, interim Provost Rory Hume, and Professor Brunk's wife (at his explicit request). This portion of the meeting was chaired by then Vice Chair John Oakley. On a confidential basis, the Assembly had before it numerous documents pertaining to Professor Brunk's performance, including the investigatory report of a special committee of the Academic Council as well as written responses from Professor Brunk. There was an extended discussion at the meeting, lasting several hours, and Professor Brunk was given the opportunity to respond to all of the points raised at the meeting as well as to provide a closing argument just prior to the Assembly's vote.

The Assembly then approved by a vote of 48-3 (with 2 abstentions) a motion to transmit the following no-confidence motion to the President and to the Regents: "**Resolved: The Assembly of the Academic Senate of the University of California, has no confidence that (1) Clifford Brunk is professionally, faithfully, or effectively performing the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Chair of the Academic Senate, and (2) that Clifford Brunk can faithfully represent the views of the University of California Academic Senate.**" Subsequently, after further discussion, the Assembly voted 50-2 (with 2 abstentions and with Professor Brunk voting) to immediately remove Professor Brunk from his position as Chair of the Senate. At that point John Oakley became the Chair of the Systemwide Academic Senate.

Additional information about this meeting can be found at
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/assembly/mar2006/assembly.action.03.13.06.pdf>

Respectfully Submitted;
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY

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