

Report of the Representative to the Assembly of the Academic Senate

TO: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

President Report- Robert Dynes

A representative for President Robert Dynes delivered his report noting that the President was in India to seek further collaboration in the areas of research and graduate education. Some recent successes were in research funding for alternative energy (\$400 million from British Petroleum out of a total pool of \$500 million) and support from the government (\$95 million) for Institute for Science and Innovation. The President's report noted that the Governor is being supportive of research and funding enrollment at the full level. The President is hopeful that the outreach funding will be restored.

The President will propose a 7 percent fee increase to the Regents.

The review of management practices in the Office of the President and four new hires are underway and hopefully will be in place by March. New chancellors for UCLA and Merced were announced.

The systemwide academic planning continues. Interdisciplinary and the entrepreneurial aspects of the University and are being noted for the Regents.

Provost Report-Wyatt R. Hume

The issue of salaries was discussed and the hope is to put as much money as possible toward the Cost of Living Adjustments. Having the majority of hires off-scale is problematic and administrators are interested in fixing the step system. A "salaries 101" discussion is planned for the March Regents Meeting.

The State Assembly has asked how the University is fixing enrollment targets at campuses, especially those in the coastal region. There is discussion of including mitigation costs to local communities at the beginning of the budget process. The Assembly members want clarity as to who is the right party for negotiation.

The issue of funding for graduate students was discussed. The funds for non-resident students are returned to the chancellor of the campus concerned and chancellors are encouraged to return this to the students concerned. Advocacy from the Academic Senate seeks to return this money directly to the non-resident students, but this remains at the discretion of the local campus.

Senate Chair Report-John Oakley

The Chair discussed the upcoming meeting schedule which will allow the group to carry out the business needed for the year. A face-to-face meeting on May 9 is planned and a June 13 meeting is possible. Other details of meeting protocols were suggested.

Consent Calendar

Berkeley's request to allow Designated Emphases (notation of a specialty on graduate transcript) for Film, Communications, Computation and Statistics, Computational and Genomic Biology, Nanoscale Science and Engineering, New Media, Women/Gender/Sexuality was approved.

Election of Vice Chair

Mary S. Croughan from UCSF was elected as Vice Chair.

Senate Bylaw 110

There was a long discussion of the amendment to Senate Bylaw 110 regarding the suspension and removal of officers. It was voted that half of the Assembly of Academic Council could cause a suspension of an officer and a removal from office would require a two-thirds vote by the Assembly members after a hearing which allowed due process to be held in a timely fashion.

Senate Bylaw 16

Academic Senate Bylaw 16 was amended to clarify the place of the Executive Director of the Academic Senate who serves on the Assembly as liaison to the Office of the President. The wording of the amendment clarified the function of the Executive Director in relation to the Chair of the Assembly, the Academic Council and the Academic Senate. This motion passed.

RE 89 – Proposed Restriction of Research Funding from the Tobacco Industry

RE 89, which would call on the Regents to reject tobacco company funding for research was discussed with agreement that a face-to-face meeting on May 9 would address this issue. Issues of tobacco companies practices, academic freedom, etc. were raised and the history of this Resolution, correspondences, etc. were discussed. Assembly and Council members were encouraged to consult with members of their campus in preparation for the projected vote on May 9.

Respectfully Submitted;
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY

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