

**Assembly Representative Report:  
Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate  
Wednesday, February 20, 2008**

To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

- I. The Assembly was called to order at 10 AM and the roll call was taken.
- II. Minutes of the May 9, 2007 Assembly meeting were approved.
- III. Announcements by President: President Robert C. Dynes spoke briefly and his comments were supplemented by Katherine N. Lapp, Vice-President of Business and Accounting.
  - a. President Dynes noted there was a moral, legal, and intellectual responsibility to keep enrollment promises to eligible students. He stated there will be no over enrollment funds so individual campuses should take care to be on target in admissions. He warned of the tight budget and lack of over enrollment funds.
  - b. Vice-President Katherine Lapp noted that the budget looks increasingly grim as the year progresses. Though \$400 million in increases for faculty compensation, enrollment growth, graduate student support, mental health, and other issues were hoped for, there will instead be a budget cut. The Regents will be considering the alternatives. It is possible that a fee hike of 7-10% could be implemented. If the economy continues to weaken even more budget cuts will be required (perhaps an additional 100 million).
  - c. President Dynes noted that CSU, the California Community Colleges, and UC will be meeting together at the end of February and he is hopeful the groups will be able to present a united message about higher education in a coordinated and strategic way.
  - d. During the question and answer period Dynes discussed why cuts of the early 1990s will be different from now (due to the lack of healthy funding in the retirement system there will be no VERIP). The usefulness of warning students about the likelihood of fee hikes was noted and the fact that \$28 million is likely to be cut from the Office of the President and \$40 million from the campuses were discussed. Dynes noted that the WASC report had been made and the WASC board would be meeting on it. The call is to better delineate the role of the UC President, that of the Regents, and that of the campuses. This will allow for clarification of roles in governance.
- IV. Announcements by the Chair: Chair Michael T. Brown.
  - a. Assembly Chair Michael Brown noted the March 12 Assembly meeting may be cancelled depending on the recommendation of the Academic Council at their Feb. 27 meeting.
  - b. In June the Assembly will hold another face-to-face meeting and Brown also noted that the Presidential search is continuing.
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees
  - a. Academic Council

- i. Henry “Harry” Powell, Professor and Head of the division of Anatomic and Neuropathology at the UCSD Medical Center, was nominated to Vice-Chair of the Assembly for 2008-09 (the Vice Chair then will become Chair of the Assembly and Academic Council in 2009-10). The Assembly unanimously accepted this nomination.
- ii. The Assembly discussed the proposed repeal of Senate Regulation 458, which had been sent by BOARS to the Assembly. The wording allowed schools in China and Japan to do specified substitutions of language and literature classes. The geographical specificity makes the regulation unduly narrow and has led to inconsistency and confusion across campuses and BOARS recommended for repeal. The Assembly voted unanimously to repeal.

VI. There was no new business and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted;  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY

Kathy Foley  
27 February 2008