Assembly Representative Report:
Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate
Wednesday, January 30, 2008

To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

I. Michael Brown called the meeting to order and the roll call of members was taken.

II. Minutes of February 14, 2007 and May 9, 2007 were approved.

III. Announcements were delivered by President Robert Dynes.

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V. Special Orders
   1. Regulation 75 of the Merced Division defining academic honors at graduation was approved.
   2. Variance to Senate Regulation 780 on grading as requested by the Merced Division was approved.
   3. Annual reports on Academic Freedom, Academic Personnel, Affirmative Action and Diversity, BOARS, Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs, Educational Policy, Faculty Welfare, Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy, Library, Planning and Budget, Preparatory Education, and Research Policy were received.

VI. There were no reports of special committees.

VII. Reports of the standing committees included the following:
   1. The proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 181 on Information Technology and Telecommunications policy [ITTP] requested a change of name to University Committee on Computing and Communications [UCCC] and approval of modifications of the bylaw to reflect this change. The action was voted on and approved.
   2. The proposed amendment to Senate Regulation 636 (University of California Entry Level Writing) which simplified and clarified the language was voted on and approved.
   3. A proposed Academic Senate resolution limiting UC’s Role in Manufacturing Nuclear Weapons, especially plutonium pit production was presented and discussed. The resolution called on the President or designee of the President to monitor the level of production of plutonium pits and report this to the Academic Senate. If this cannot be monitored and reported for any reason, UC should reassess participation in the management of the labs and, if any National Laboratory managed by UC begins to produce or manage the production of plutonium pits beyond current level, UC should reassess participation in the management of the laboratory. This was discussed and approved.
   4. The proposed Student Freedom of Scholarly Inquiry Principles was presented. This document which was approved by the Academic Council on Sept. 26, 2007 recognizes that “academic freedom is conferred in the University of California by virtue of faculty membership and student
freedom of scholarly inquiry derives from and is protected by this. The rights and responsibilities were outlined in the document which was discussed and approved.

5. General discussion of issues and concerns of interest to the Assembly members followed and included discussion of the search for the president, the UC budget in 2008-09 and beyond, the Faculty Salary Plan, graduate student support and non-resident issues.

VIII. University and Faculty Welfare Report. There was none.
IX. New Petitions of students. There were none.
X. Unfinished Business. There was none.
XI. New Business. There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted;

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY

Kathy Foley

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