

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Santa Cruz Division October 19, 2012

Meeting

A regular meeting of the Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate was held Friday, October 19, 2012 at the Namaste Lounge, College 9/10. With Parliamentarian Donald Potts present, Chair Joe Konopelski called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Draft Minutes

The minutes of May 18, 2012 were approved as written.

2. Announcements

a. Chair Joe Konopelski

Chair Konopelski welcomed Senate members to the first Senate meeting of the 2012-13 academic year and his first meeting as the Senate Chair.

There are 18 new faculty members on campus for this 2012-13 academic year. Sarah Latham was welcomed as the new Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative Services (BAS). Also welcomed was the new Academic Senate analyst Matt Robinson.

Last year we heard a lot about Rebenching as Senate Chair Susan Gillman and Chancellor George Blumenthal were on the Systemwide Committee on Rebenching. That committee has issued a report that is now being reviewed on all 10 campuses. Rebenching is the term given to the revision of the policies governing the distribution of State funds to the campuses with the goal of providing a more transparent and equitable methodology than was previously utilized. Rebenching is currently in effect and the funds are to be distributed over six years although this first year was not fully funded.

Additional funding is built into the rebenching calculations for the 'aspirational growth' of academic Ph.D. students, in recognition of the importance of these students to the health and vitality of a research institution. The target is defined as the ratio of Ph.D. students to undergraduates, and is set at 12%. UCSC is currently below that number. This is a funded mandate from Office of the President (OP). However, it is only partially funded as no UC campus receives adequate State funding to cover the true cost of educating any of their graduate or undergraduate students. This is an historic opportunity and the Senate has wasted no time having already begun consultations last academic year and continuing now to create a plan to produce results. Graduate Council (GC) will be at the center of these efforts with the involvement of the Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) and the Committee on Research (COR).

There are two new joint Senate/Administrative Task Forces underway and we expect one or both of them to have a forum to discuss the issues and seek input from the entire UCSC community later this quarter. Both Task Forces arose from the discussions at the Senate-sponsored Forum on the Future of the Curriculum held last Spring as well as various comments made in Senate

committee consultations. One task force is on Pedagogy and the other is on Academic Structures and Strategic Planning at the campus level. Chair Konopelski urged Senate members to stay informed and respond to any calls for comments and input.

The results of the ballot measures from the election being held in a few weeks will have an impact on the UC system and Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway will have more to say about that.

b. Campus Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway

Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Alison Galloway announced that Chancellor Blumenthal was away trying to raise money for the campus.

UCSC is in the top three for “research impact”, a huge achievement for a relatively young campus, and speaks to the quality and adventurousness of our faculty. This is our second year earning this honor. We ranked seventh in survey of campuses under age 50. Bettina Aptheker and Karen Yamashita won the UC Presidential Chair. Alexander Sher won a Pew Scholar from Biomedical Sciences. Ruby Rich got the 2012 Frameline award from the San Francisco International LGBT film festival. Bill Friedland was named a Distinguished Rural Sociologist from the Rural Sociological Association. James Estes received the Heart Merriam Award from the American Society of Mammalogists. The entire Psychology Department was honored by the American Psychological Association for their public service.

We have 18 new faculty, a record compared to our average of six in recent years. This is a shift for us and we expect to see about the same amount coming in next Fall as well.

There are three new graduate programs online with Ph.D. programs in Feminist Studies and in Latin American and Latino Studies as well as an M.A. program in Theater Arts.

Notable losses include the passing away of Aaronette White and Eugene Cota-Robles.

Move-in for new students was smooth with about 5,100 new students and we now house about 8,500 students on campus.

The State of the Campus speech and the Founders Day event were both successful.

This year we will be conducting a search for a new Vice Chancellor for Research.

There is a lot that we don't know at this point about the budget. With mandatory costs rising, there will be a \$16 million short fall this year. We are filing in with one time money this year to avoid permanent cuts, but it is almost guaranteed that we will have a similar short fall next year that will require permanent cuts, even if Proposition 30 passes. We only just received an allocation letter from UCOP receiving a portion of the Rebenching money. \$1.9 million from the \$15 million set aside for the five most impacted campuses and we are setting it aside to pay for FTE that we released last Spring.

The results of the election on November 6th with Proposition 30 will determine which of two budgets that UCOP is working on will be implemented. These budgets will be presented at the Regents meeting in November. If Prop 30 passes then we will have dodged a bullet though we will still have cuts due to mandatory cost increases including negotiated salaries, merit for faculty, increased contributions to the retirement plan, utility costs, and health care costs. However if Prop 30 does not pass or if it passes at a smaller margin than Prop 38, then we will see two things come into play immediately. One is trigger cuts of \$250 million to the system which translates to another \$12 million in cuts to this campus plus a buyout of the tuition increases that were scheduled this year. There will be an additional \$125 million dollars added to the \$250 million equaling a \$375 million dollar cut to the system if Prop 30 doesn't pass. That is equivalent to more than a 20% tuition increase if those funds were to be made up solely on the tuition. Some things might mitigate that including the possibility that the state could step in and not push through all of the trigger cuts or may agree to provide additional funding towards tuition. UCOP may be able to absorb some of the burden, with debt restructuring or changing the STIP TRIP long-term investment payouts.

Students have been extremely active, out at every move-in and event getting students, staff and faculty registered to vote. This campaign also needs to get people out to vote in addition to just registered. The last day to register to vote is Monday October 22nd and voting takes place on November 6th.

We are in the last year of the quiet phase of the comprehensive campaign hoping to move ahead out of the silent phase next October. In the 2011-12 academic year we got \$24 million in gifts and pledges, a 10% increase over the previous year, which was a 10% increase over the year before that. Alumni-giving has nearly tripled from \$2.5 million up to \$7.3 million thanks to great efforts by many faculty and staff. We had more gifts over the \$100,000 level and several over \$1 million, and a \$5 million bequest which is the largest we have ever received. Most of this has come from Alumni. This year is critical with a goal of reaching \$150 million by next October from our current level of \$102 million.

Replying to a question from the floor to elaborate on the \$16 million short fall, EVC Galloway replied that we put out a request last year for an \$8 million cut to the various units distributed as we had previously to safeguard a portion of the academic divisions. We reduced the cuts to the academic divisions and increased the cuts to the other areas. This year we will need to work through more complicated discussions about permanent cuts because there is nothing left that we could cut easily and quickly. The Administration will be working with units to see if the cuts proposed last year are the cuts they will make. Negotiations may be necessary.

In response to an inquiry as to what the total amount of cuts to a typical division would be, Galloway replied that it would typically be anywhere from \$400,000 to \$800,000 per division. This often comes out of retired faculty lines, however we can't sustain losing faculty without replacement at this rate.

Chair Konopelski added that TAs have been cut hard as well but this goes against the idea of increasing our Ph.D. numbers.

EVC Galloway announced that there would be a budget forum with the students on October 23rd and that soon after the election there would be a webcast/streaming question and answer session with the EVC, Senate Chair, the Vice Chancellor of Planning and Budget, and a representative from the Staff Advisory Board.

There was a question from the floor if the campus allocation formula for TAs to the division has been cut or if these are divisional decisions to cut TAs. Chair Konopelski replied that these are decanal decisions and there is variability of TA losses among the academic divisions.

A question was asked about the \$1.9 million of Rebenching monies that came to the campus. If it was targeted to cover recruitments that are already approved, what is left to fund aspirational graduate growth? EVC Galloway replied that there are both permanent funds and one time money and it is the one time money that will be used to fund the aspirational graduate growth. Since we need faculty to educate the students we must consider both parts.

It was asked how many undergraduates we have and how many non-hollowed FTE faculty we have to which Chair Konopelski replied that there are about 550 filled faculty, 124 hollowed FTE and 16,000 students.

Asked to elaborate on the process for reviewing the Office of Research considering that the Vice Chancellor for Research would be returning to the faculty, EVC Galloway replied that the self-study is currently being written and is expected soon. Office of Research is conducting a survey that may be utilized as well as an external review committee. They are going through a typical review for administrative units that mimics departmental reviews.

Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications Chair Roberto Manduchi reminded everyone that there is a proposed Open Access Policy currently being reviewed by the Senate. It is an important policy that will align the UCs with other universities worldwide. UCSF has already unanimously approved an Open Access Policy. The policy encourages control of one's own copyright and maximum dissemination of works. The hope is that it gives a clear sign to publishers that the "fee for access" model is not economically sustainable anymore. Chair Manduchi is meeting with the Senate Executive Committee next week to discuss the policy, and encourages everyone to educate themselves on the topic. For more information, go to: osc.universityofcalifornia.edu

3. Report of the Representative to the Assembly (none)

4. Special Orders: Annual Reports

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (AS/SCP/1702)**
- b. Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity (AS/SCP/1703)**
- c. Committee on Computing and Telecommunications (AS/SCP/1704)**
- d. Committee on Educational Policy (AS/SCP/1705)**
- e. Committee on Emeriti Relations (AS/SCP/1706)**
- f. Committee on Faculty Welfare (AS/SCP/1707)**

- g. Committee on International Education (AS/SCP/1708)**
- h. Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communications (AS/SCP/1709)**
- i. Committee on Planning and Budget (AS/SCP/1710)**
- j. Committee on Preparatory Education (AS/SCP/1711)**
- k. Committee on Privilege and Tenure (AS/SCP/1712)**
- l. Committee on Research (AS/SCP/1713)**
- m. Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections (AS/SCP/1715)**
- n. Committee on Teaching (AS/SCP/1714)**
- o. Graduate Council (AS/SCP/1716) NA**

Chair Konopelski asked if there was any discussion on any of the reports. Hearing no requests the consent calendar was adopted by voice vote.

5. Reports of Special Committees (none)

6. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Committee on Educational Policy

i. Amendment to Regulation 9.1 – Grades, Evaluations and Transmission of Records (AS/SCP/1717)

Without discussion, the amendment passed by voice vote.

b. Committee on Research

i. Amendment to Bylaw 13.27 (AS/SCP/1718)

Without discussion, the bylaw amendment was passed by voice vote.

7. Report of the Student Union Assembly (none)

8. Report of the Graduate Student Association President (none)

9. Petitions of Students (none)

10. Unfinished Business (none)

11. University and Faculty Welfare (none)

12. New Business (none)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

ATTEST:
Judith Habicht-Mauche
Secretary

December 17, 2012