Regular Meeting of the Academic Senate, Los Angeles Division Council on Research
MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2014 1 PM - 3 PM. 3135 MURPHY HALL

MEETING CALLED BY Miguel Unzueta, Council on Research Chair, at approximately 1 PM.

TYPE OF MEETING Council on Research

PRESENT Miguel Unzueta (Chair), Thomas Otis (Vice-Chair), Karen Lyons, Mark Cohen, Takahiro Ogawa

ABSENT Megan Mostamand (USAC Representative), Excused Absences - Robert Bjork, Linda Liau, Sharon Gerstel, Gail Lenhoff, Kathleen McHugh, James Economou (VC of Research), (GSA Representative), (Ex-Officio COR-FGP)

SENATE STAFF Serge Chenkerian (MSO Academic Senate)

GUESTS Joel Aberbach (Senate Chair), Linda Mohr (CAO Academic Senate), Christina Palmer (College FEC Chair)

INTRODUCTIONS ABERBACH / MOHR

Academic Senate Chair Joel Aberbach and Academic Senate CAO Linda Mohr were invited to the first COR meeting of the year to introduce themselves and to discuss some of the issues the senate will likely be facing over the course of the year. Joel identified the following items:

- Diversity – with the College voting on the diversity requirement at the end of the month, if it passes, the senate will be taking up the matter in the Executive Board and then the LgA.
- Moreno Report – the report from the task force has been distributed to all the committees for comment with responses expected by December 15.
- International Students – other campuses have expressed sentiments of unfairness in the case of revenues from international student enrollments. Some are pushing for a redistribution of the profits from this portion of the student population.
- Total Remuneration Package – the salary and benefits packages on campus are being reviewed for comparisons and are being used to identify means by which to improve the UC system.
- Online Education – various groups are addressing questions about technology and the inroads that need to be made to deliver a legitimate product. A COR member expressed how this focus is on undergrads more than graduate students and how professors instructing graduate students have to bear a heavier burden.

Another member asked whether there might be a means of increasing the amount of grant funds in order to potentially increase grant funding levels for the Faculty Grants Program. Chair Aberbach wasn’t aware of any recent discussions that have taken place to that effect. Along similar lines, another member of COR noted that the composite benefit rates in relation to grant funds should also be an issue the senate looks at this year.

ACTION ITEMS PERSON RESPONSIBLE

N/A N/A
Minutes from the meetings on 5/2/14 were approved with no changes.

Christina Palmer, Chair of the College FEC, was invited to the COR meeting in order to publicize the vote taking place at the end of the month in the College. A brief background of the efforts leading up the vote was detailed along with the materials available to individuals who visit the website that provides information on the diversity initiative. She also detailed how the implementation committee reviewed over 120 syllabi that were submitted by various departments which were used to develop an operational rubric for the courses that would qualify under the requirement.

If approved, the vote will establish a diversity requirement that will then need to be reviewed by the Senate’s Executive Board and voted on by the Senate’s Legislative Assembly. Chair Palmer encouraged all the members who were eligible to vote, to do so, and those who were ineligible, she encouraged them to encourage their colleagues to vote.

Vice Chair Tom Otis provided a background of the efforts that have been made to date regarding a draft letter the council wishes to distribute to the administration expressing their concern in regards to animal research on the UCLA campus. The Council reviewed the 2nd draft of the letter and a discussion ensued about the intentions and aims of the correspondence and how the letter should be approached from a scholarly perspective. A suggestion was made to present the draft to the Committee on Academic Freedom as they will likely serve as a partner committee in endorsing the intent of the letter. A further suggestion was made to address the letter to the Executive Vice Chancellor, Scott Waugh. It was also suggested that a draft of the letter be presented to the other UCORP representatives at the upcoming meeting in order to glean the perspectives of other campus Councils.

No updates at this time as the first UCORP meeting is taking place on October 13.
EMERGING ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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With no additional business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.