The Faculty Legislature of the Santa Barbara Division met via Zoom videoconference at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021, with Chair Susannah Scott presiding. 40 voting members, 6 ex officio members, and other interested parties attended the meeting.

Announcements by the Chancellor (from the slides presented)

Thank you to Chair Susannah Scott and to all of our Senate colleagues for your commitment to shared governance, which is helping to guide our campus through the challenges of the pandemic. Special thanks to Susannah for her daily participation in our COVID-19 Work Group and Planning Group meetings.

Events at U.S. Capitol
Last week, we witnessed violent events at the U.S. Capitol. We joined UCOP and our UC sister campuses in sending out our own message that said in part:

“We share in our country’s outrage and stand in solidarity against actions of those who would threaten our democratic institutions, our Constitution, and the rule of law.”
“As a campus community, we believe that we must work together as a community and a country to protect the ideals of free speech and peaceful protest, but to also have no tolerance for violence and disregard of our laws and our values.”

Transitions

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel
Professor of Communication Dana Mastro has been appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, effective January 4.

Many thanks to our committee members:

Tresa Pollock, Chair (Materials)
Richard Duran (Education)
Jill Felber (Music)
Gretchen Hofmann (EEMB)
Bruce Kendall (Bren School)
Jeffrey Stewart (Black Studies)
Cynthia Stohl (Communication)

Consultant to the Committee:
Ricardo Alcaíno (Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Prevention)

Graduate Dean Search Advisory Committee
Last week, we announced the formation of a search advisory committee for our next Dean of Graduate Division.

Many thanks to our committee members:

Kathy Foltz, Chair; Professor, Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology
Amit Ahuja, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science
Felice Blake, Associate Professor, English
Cherie Briggs, Professor, Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology
Shane Jimerson, Professor, Counseling, Clinical & School Psychology
Arturo Keller, Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management
Alex LeBrun, Co-President, Graduate Student Association
Beth Pruitt, Professor, Mechanical Engineering
Karen van Gool, Staff representative; Graduate Advisor, Computer Science

Ex-officio:
Ricardo Alcaíno, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Prevention

Alumni Affairs
George Thurlow, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director of the Alumni Association, has retired, effective December 15.

Samantha Putnam is serving as interim director.

Student Updates

Fall 2021 Admissions Update
• 105,637 first-year applicants (up 16% over last year)
  • Average GPA: 3.99 (up from 3.98 over last year)
  • California residents: 71,053 (67% of total)
  • Domestic nonresidents: 17,004 (16% of total)
  • International nonresidents: 17,580 (17% of total)
  • Underrepresented minorities: 29,436 (28%)
○ First-generation: 28,540 (27%)
● Transfer Applicants: 20,536 (up from 18,934 last year)

**UC Systemwide Freshman Applicants**

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**UC SANTA BARBARA**

**Cal State Applications**
● Applications declined by 5% across the Cal State system
● Six days before its application window closed, the Cal State system last month announced a plan for all 23 of its campuses to return to in-person instruction for fall 2021

**UC Plans for Fall 2021 Instruction**
UCOP announced on Monday that it is planning for a return to primarily in-person instruction systemwide starting fall 2021.

Specific plans for resumption of fall classes, including additional safety measures and starting dates, will be announced by individual UC campuses as we continue to coordinate closely with local public health agencies and follow all local and state guidelines.

**Campus Updates and Highlights**

**Best Hispanic Serving Institution**
In November, Newsweek ranked UC Santa Barbara the Best Hispanic Serving Institution: “Like SoCal itself, UC Santa Barbara is home to a prominent Hispanic community spread across the faculty, staff, and student body.”
Aspire Program
Thanks to the leadership of Professor of Black Studies Sharon Tettegah, our campus has joined 18 other universities across the nation in a three-year effort to develop inclusive faculty recruitment, hiring, and retention practices.

The Aspire: The National Alliance for Inclusive & Diverse STEM Faculty program, led by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and funded in part by the National Science Foundation, is intended to ensure inclusive teaching practices in STEM and increased diversity of STEM faculty.

Racial Justice Fellowship Program
Our campus has launched an initiative designed to enhance the recruitment of graduate students committed to teaching, research, and mentorship around racial justice.

The Racial Justice Fellowships will provide recipients $8,000 in summer funding for three years on top of a five-year package of full funding. Four fellowships, open to incoming students in any discipline, will be offered each year. All departments may nominate students for this opportunity.

Race to Justice Thanks to all of our faculty colleagues serving on the advisory committee and as event moderators

UC Santa Barbara Campus Partners:
- Department of Black Studies
- Center for Black Studies Research
- Division of Social Sciences
- Division of Humanities and Fine Arts
- Division of Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences
- Division of Student Affairs
- Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
- Graduate Division
- Bren School for Environmental Science & Management
- College of Creative Studies
- College of Engineering
- Multicultural Center
- Carney-Wolf Center
- UCSC Library / JCB Lib
- Office of the Chancellor
- Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor

Advisory Committee:
- Celeste M. Billiuci, Miller McCormick Executive Director of Arts & Lectures
- Charlie Hale, SAVP, Sara MillerMcCormick Professor of Social Sciences
- Belinda Robnett, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Ingrid Banks, Chair, Department of Black Studies
- Sharon Tettegah, Director, Center for Black Studies Research
- Savannah Scott, Divisional Chair, Academic Senate
- IImi Yasuda, Chair, Department of Art
“Anti-Blackness: Difficult Dialogues”
Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Belinda Robnett has launched a yearlong lecture series to highlight the excellence of African American Scholars throughout the U.S., and to provide knowledge and assistance with the difficult dialogues around racial justice.

Santa Barbara Independent Local Heroes
The Santa Barbara Independent has honored our Department of Theater and Dance for reinventing our BFA Program and Theater during the pandemic.

American Association for the Advancement of Science
Professor of EEMB Armand Kuris and Professor of Materials Michael Chabinyc have been elected AAAS Fellows.

Royal Society of Arts
Bren Professor of Industrial Ecology Sangwon Suh has become an invited fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

National Academy of Inventors
Professor Emeritus of Physics Paul Hansma has “demonstrated a highly prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on the quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society.”

2020 New India Foundation Book Prize
Professor of Political Science Amit Ahuja has been awarded the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize for his book “Mobilizing the Marginalized: Ethnic Parties Without Ethnic Movements.”

Google Award for Inclusion Research
Professor of Computer Science Timothy Sherwood and Professor of Black Studies Sharon Tettegah awarded 2020 Google Award for Inclusion Research for their proposal “Iterative Design of a Black Studies Research Computing Initiative through ‘Flipped Research’”

National Institutes of Health Award
Assistant Professor of MCDB Sung Soo Kim has been named one of NIH Director’s New Innovators, receiving $1.5 million over five years.

2021 J.D. Crawford Prize
Professor of Mechanical Engineering Igor Mezic receives award from the SIAM Activity Group on Dynamical Systems
**Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship**
Sarah Case in our History Department has been awarded the Anne Firor Scott Mid-Career Fellowship by the Southern Association for Women’s Historians for her book project on women undergraduates in 1930s Georgia.

**NSF Early Career Award**
Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Paolo Luzzatto-Fegiz and Yangying Zhu

**Google Grant and AI’s 10 to Watch**
A team of computer scientists that includes Assistant Professor of Computer Science William Wang has received $1 million over three years to build better conversational recommender systems.

Professor Wang has also received AI’s 10 to Watch award for 2020 by IEEE Intelligent Systems.

**Francis K. Hsu Prize**
Assistant Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies Suma Ikeuchi has been awarded the Francis K. Hsu Prize for the best book in the anthropology of East Asia by the American Anthropological Association’s Society of East Asian Anthropology.

**2020-21 Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship**
Distinguished Research Professor of Communication Howie Giles has been awarded UC Santa Barbara’s prestigious Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship to continue research into policing and intergroup communication.

**Virtual UCSB Grad Slam**
Grad Slam talks will be pre-recorded and judged asynchronously. Competition opened January 5.

**2021-22 Governor’s Proposed State Budget**

**2021-22 Proposed State Budget for UC**

- 3.9% increase of $136.3 million in ongoing State General Fund
  - Includes $100.3-million restoration of the $300.8 million reduction UC received in 2020-21. Governor is framing this as a 3% base budget increase, rather than a partial base budget restoration.
  - Also includes $15-million ongoing investment for student basic needs (mental health and technology)
- $225.3 million in one-time funds
• Includes $175 million for deferred maintenance/energy efficiency and $15 million for emergency financial aid
• Governor’s budget outlines the following expectations:
  o Hold resident tuition flat for 2021-22
  o Take action to fully close equity gaps by 2025
  o By June 30, 2022, increase by 10% number of online learning opportunities from 2018-19 baseline
  o Better align student learning objectives with workforce needs
  o Develop dual admissions pathway for first-time CCC freshmen to receive guaranteed admission to UC

**Federal Covid-19 Economic Relief Bill**
• The relief bill signed into law last month would provide $20 billion in aid to higher education
• UC’s Federal Governmental Relations office is waiting for the U.S. Department of Education to provide official allocation figures

**Responding to COVID-19**

**Winter Quarter Campus Housing**
• Winter quarter move-in will begin tomorrow, Jan. 15, through Monday, Jan. 18.
• Additional 966 students moving in to join our 1,319 student residents from fall quarter
• Total population: 2,285 (1,071 undergraduate students; 1,214 graduate students)

**Winter Quarter Campus COVID-19 Testing**
• Campus is offering COVID-19 testing by appointment and at no charge to all UCSB students (8,450 living in IV) throughout the winter quarter, as well as eligible faculty, staff, and researchers coming to campus.
• For the small number of students who may have in-person classes at some point during the winter quarter and/or students working or living on campus, we will be requiring weekly testing and a daily COVID symptom screen. Compliance will be monitored, and missed tests or screening could impact a student’s ability to remain in class, at their job, or in University housing.
• Students moving into campus housing have received detailed and explicit information about expectations for testing, screening, and sequestration.

**CLIA-Certified Lab**
• Our campus has established its own CLIA-certified laboratory to provide COVID-19 testing
• We are now able to produce test results in-house with a very fast turnaround time
• Our COVID surveillance testing team is running 4,000 diagnostic tests per week

**Free COVID-19 Testing in Isla Vista**
Protect your friends & community. Get tested.
COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

- Formed COVID-19 vaccination work group for planning in the event that our campus is authorized by the County to provide vaccines.
- County Public Health, coordinating with Student Health, has identified individuals for Phase 1a vaccination.
- Vaccination clinic started Jan. 6 at Student Health. As of Jan. 12, about 200 vaccines had been administered.
- We are working with the County on how other members of our campus community will be able to access the vaccine, or if additional vaccines will be made available to campus.

CA Notify

In November, UC Santa Barbara became one of five campuses to join California COVID Notify, a pilot program for a smartphone-based COVID-19 exposure notification system. The program is a collaboration between UC and the State of California. You can sign up at: canotify.ca.gov.

Thank you!

Many thanks to all of our faculty working on COVID-19 research and on our campus’s COVID-19 response. Special thanks to Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences Scott Grafton, who recently assumed the role of campus COVID-Mitigation Program Leader, and continued thanks to Professor of MCDB Stu Feinstein for serving as our COVID-19 Response Team Coordinator.

Announcements by the Chair

- Chair Scott thanked Professor Dana Mastro for taking a new role as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel. Many colleagues might remember Dana as the recent CAP Chair, and so she is very familiar with Academic Senate procedures. We know that she will make the review process very robust and fair. This is a particular challenge during the current climate given the impact of COVID-19.
- Chair Scott announced in her recent newsletter that the campus has established a joint Senate-Administration Teaching Evaluation Workgroup. Much discussion has taken place over the past several years on the validity and reliability of the Evaluation System for Courses and Instruction (ESCI). The aim of the Workgroup is to make recommendations on how to conduct more effective assessments of teaching and learning in campus instructional activities, and to develop a framework for implementation of a new means of evaluating teaching to replace or revise the existing ESCI evaluations.
- Chair Scott provided an update on the status of the Zakheim Mural cycle located on UC San Francisco’s Parnassus Campus, which was discussed at the Faculty Legislature meeting on October 22. The mural depicts in a series of frescoes the New Deal-era “History of Medicine in California.” In her research, UCSB doctoral graduate student in the Department of History, Laura Voisin George, identified Biddy Mason in the murals, who was a formerly enslaved woman and celebrated nurse, philanthropist, and humanitarian.
• At the request of several Senate faculty and Ms. Voisin George, the Faculty Legislature approved the request for a mail ballot on a proposed Memorial to the UC Regents. While we were contemplating the Memorial, UCSF addressed several of the group’s concerns, including hiring a historical preservation firm to remove the murals prior the Hall’s demolition. However, a number of key concerns remained, including, but not limited to, the details of the removal methods for the frescoes, appropriate climate-controlled storage, and future public accessibility. We have discussed some of these issues with the leadership of the San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate. There is a possibility we will move forward with a revised request for a Memorial to the President, which would be more timely, before the March Regents meeting. If we do so, members will receive the request via email because of the complexity of the timing and the very limited possibilities for meeting. The Regents are set to consider the certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for UCSF’s Parnassus campus redevelopment (including Toland Hall), which is directing the schedule for the potential Memorial.

• UC President Michael V. Drake announced his intention for all ten UC campuses to resume in-person classes in fall 2021. UCSB’s ability to reconvene in-person instruction will depend heavily on local conditions and Public Health guidance. As we move toward the fall, the Academic Senate will continue to discuss how we can return to in-person instruction safely.

• The Undergraduate Council has been carefully considering adjustments to undergraduate academic policy for the winter and spring quarters and summer sessions to provide flexibility for students during the pandemic.

• Chair Scott reported that COVID-19 vaccine distribution has begun in Santa Barbara County and health care employees are currently being vaccinated.

**UCSB Re-Accreditation in 2023: Linda Adler-Kassner, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education**

UCSB is scheduled to undergo re-accreditation by the WASC Senior College and University Commission in 2023. The campus has been continuing its assessment work since the last re-accreditation in 2001, including its assessment of program learning outcomes for undergraduate and graduate programs and the General Education (GE) program. There are two potential paths in the re-accreditation process, the traditional path which provides a comprehensive review of the campus assessment processes, and the path which focuses on several self-selected thematic areas. We have submitted a request for thematic review, and are awaiting WASC’s response. If approved, the next steps would be for UCSB to commence discussions on which themes to pursue. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

**COVID-19 Update: Stuart Feinstein, Coordinator, COVID-19 Response Team, and Dr. Laura Polito, Medical Director, COVID-19 Response Team** (from the slides presented)
Update on UCSB COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Programs

~25,000 virus particles/inch
Testing and Vaccines both Focus on the Spike Protein

The Chancellor’s charge to me was to coordinate a COVID-19 Response Operation that served faculty, staff and students.
I. Testing, Contact Tracing and Case Management

Starting at zero— this is now all in place...we can collect and process ~1500 tests per day (some processed here at UCSB and some at UCLA) in 4-36 hours turn around time and conduct the necessary contact tracing and case management...

"Time is Everything in COVID-19".

This has all worked because of tremendous people...including the Administration, Student Health Services, "re-deployed people who would have been laid off and took on new tasks (like helping to collect patient samples) and loads of people from all over campus...everyone has been incredibly willing to contribute and be helpful.

II. The Vaccine

Your immune system is the ultimate isolationist...show it a “foreign” protein (i.e., not "self") and it will destroy it;

Traditional vaccine technology purifies a protein from the virus and injects it into the person; the protein is recognized as foreign and then we mount an immune response (i.e., antibodies);

The novel “mRNA” strategy injects the “instructions” to make the viral protein of interest (mRNA), which our cells “read” and then make the foreign protein, leading to the immune response;

The big advantage is that it is much easier and quicker to make the “instructions” than to make the final product...let our cells do the work...same and result...a good immune response against the foreign protein.

The Current State of Affairs

• Incredibly fluid situation; very frequent changes guidance from the CDC, the State and the County
• The County ultimately determines what we do and what role we will play in the vaccination process
• We have received two small shipments of Moderna vaccines so far
• Who gets the vaccine...in what order? Guidance provided by CDC, State and County we need to stay within the county guidelines
• Most everyone agrees that the highest priority is clinical people in the COVID-19 trenches and people in congregate senior housing
• We have just finished 1st injections to our campus medical people working on the COVID-19 program
The Current State of Affairs

Distribution of Vaccines is primarily under the control of the County....
They provide guidelines that we must adhere to.
We hope that UC can also get vaccines to distribute to the campuses.
Phase 1B Vaccine Distribution Target Populations and Delivery Dates

Phase 1B Tier 1
Early February 2021-Mid-March 2021
Persons age 75 and older
Essential Workers:
Food/Grocery and Agricultural Workers
Education & Childcare
Emergency Services (firefighters, Law enforcement, probation, corrections)

Phase 1B Tier 2
Early February 2021-Mid-March 2021
Persons 65 to 74 with underlying medical conditions that place them at high risk for COVID19
Incarcerated individuals (congregate setting)
Homeless and Unhoused Individuals
Essential Workers:
Transportation and Logistical Workers
Industrial Residential Commercial Workers
Critical Manufacturing workers

Phase 1C Vaccine Distribution Target Populations and Delivery Dates

Phase 1C Tier 1
Following completion of 1A and 1B
Persons 65 to 74
Persons 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions that place them at high risk for COVID19
Essential Workers:
Water and Wastewater Management, Defense, Energy, Chemical and Hazardous Materials, Communications and IT and Financial Services
Government Operations and Community Services

Phase 2 & 3 Vaccine Distribution Target Populations and Delivery Dates

Phase 2
Late Spring
All other persons 16 years or older and not already recommended for vaccination in Phase 1A, 1B or 1C.

Phase 3
All others not vaccinated

• In addition to our initial start with clinical workers, we are hoping to be distributing a lot of vaccines
• The Chancellor has asked Mary Ferris and I to Co-Chair our campus Vaccination Planning Committee
• The goal is to get the vaccine into as many people as possible as quickly as possible, trying to address the most appropriate people in order.
• The campus health care workers received their vaccines over in the Student Health Building. We will continue to use that facility moving forward, while also considering relocating to an area in the RecCen if more space is needed. This will require a lot of new staffing aside from just “injectors.”
• “How will I know that I am eligible to get a vaccine?”
  You will get an email invitation, with instructions for how to sign up for a reservation on the web.

A couple of final points:
• People that are infected can transmit the virus before they know that they are infected – again, time is everything...identify and isolate.
• An important observation is that contrary to our expectations based on extensive partying in Isla Vista, we have thus far not had nearly as much infection as many predicted, at least to this point. Fast turnaround time for testing, timely contact tracing and frequent messaging have been critical.
• Getting the campus set up for testing and mitigation required a huge effort by a great many people on campus
  o Plenty of ups and downs
  o Medically, the lead has been the SHS
  o Everyone from the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Deans, Administrative Services, Budget and Planning, Human Resources, IT, MCDB, EEMB, Chemistry, Physics, on and on...everyone has been incredibly helpful

Consent Calendar
The minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Motion: To approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded, and passed with 38 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

Reports of Standing Committees

Proposed Revisions to the Academic Senate Manual: Bylaw 170 & 180
The Faculty Legislature considered the proposed revisions to Bylaw 170 regarding Meetings of the Division, and Bylaw 180 regarding Order of Business. These Bylaws have not been reviewed since 2002, and so they fail to reflect current best practices. The proposed revisions were approved by the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections.

Motion: To approve the proposed revisions to Divisional Bylaw 170. The motion was seconded, and passed with 35 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.
**Motion**: To approve the proposed revisions to Divisional Bylaw 180. The motion was seconded, and passed with 35 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.

**Proposal to Establish a Graduate Degree Program and Academic Unit**
Graduate Council Chair Tamara Afifi gave an introduction on the Proposal to Establish a Graduate Degree Program and Academic Unit in Biological Engineering.

The Academic Senate’s review of the Proposal to Establish a Graduate Degree Program and Academic Unit in Biological Sciences has been completed, up to the point of final consideration by the Faculty Legislature. Chancellor Yang has endorsed the establishment of the graduate degree program in Biological Engineering, and approved the establishment of the academic unit. It is understood that the establishment of the unit would not be finalized until the academic degree program received final systemwide approval.

**Motion**: To approve the Proposal to Establish a Ph.D. in Biological Engineering and endorse the Establishment of the Biological Engineering Program. The motion was seconded and passed 33 in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.

The floor was open for general comments and discussion. There was an interesting discussion related to the UCSB COVID-19 vaccine plan. Challenges and opportunities were acknowledged.

Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.