FACULTY LEGISLATURE MINUTES
October 26, 2017

The Faculty Legislature of the Santa Barbara Division met in Library Conference Room 1575 at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017, with Chair Henning Bohn presiding. The meeting was attended by 34 voting members, 8 ex officio members, and other interested parties.

Announcements by the Chancellor (from the slides presented)

Thank you to Senate Chair Henning Bohn and to all of our faculty colleagues for your dedication to shared governance.

Transitions on Campus
We have appointed Dr. Charles Hale, Professor of African and African Diaspora Studies and Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, as our next SAGE Sara Miller McCune Dean of Social Sciences, effective January 1, 2018.

Since July 1, Mr. Alan Grosenheider, Deputy University Librarian, has been serving as our Acting University Librarian.

Dean of Extension, Professor Michael T. Brown, was appointed Provost and Executive Vice President – Academic Affairs at UCOP, effective September 5, 2017.

Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Marc Fisher was appointed Vice Chancellor for Administration at UC Berkeley, effective September 18, 2017.

Professor Emeritus Joel Michaelsen has graciously agreed to serve as our Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, effective September 18, 2017.

Student Updates
2017 Commencement
5,770 students joined our alumni family, now more than 200,000 strong.

New Student Convocation
Thanks to all of our faculty who joined us on September 25 to extend a warm welcome to our incoming students!

Fall 2017 Enrollment Update
• 81,824 freshman applications; 98,000 total
• Freshman class: ~4,600
  o Average GPA: 4.08
San Joaquin Villages Opens
178 undergraduate student apartments (1,000 beds) 8 apartments for faculty and residential staff.

New Portola Dining Commons has opened.

Last month, the White House announced the decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. UC Santa Barbara and UCOP have been working with our students to offer support, advocate on their behalf, and address their needs. During last week’s Protect Dreamers Higher Education Week, I joined the President Napolitano and our sister campuses in signing a letter urging Congress to take action to protect DACA students.

On October 5, our ONDAS Student Center (Opening New Doors to Academic Success) – for our first-generation college students – launched a new wave of programming and activities.

Campus Updates & Highlights
2018 U.S. News & World Report has ranked UC Santa Barbara number eight amongst public national universities.

Last week, Times Higher Education of London, for the third consecutive year, ranked UC Santa Barbara among the Top 10 institutions worldwide for producing Nobel laureates this century.

UC Santa Barbara ranked number nine worldwide for Nobels

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The 2017 Shanghai Ranking places UC Santa Barbara at number three worldwide in the field of automation and control.

Entertainment magazine The Wrap ranks UC Santa Barbara at number 30 highlighting our Carsey-Wolf Center.

Among 150 universities examined by The Washington Post, UC Santa Barbara ranked number two for our percentage of Fall 2015 freshmen who qualified for Pell Grants. At 39%, we can in behind only UC Irvine’s 41%.

UC Santa Barbara has received a 2017 CASE Educational Fundraising Award, an honor given to superior fundraising programs at educational institutions across the country. We closed Fiscal Year 2017 at $100,108,150, our fourth consecutive year over $100M.

Thank you to our Trustees, Arts & Lectures presented “An Afternoon with Joe Biden” last Saturday. Vice President Joe Biden met with UCSB students after his Arlington Theatre lecture.

BioEngineering Building Grand Opening

College of Creative Studies Turns 50!
A diverse slate of special events will mark this milestone anniversary, including the Research and Creative Activity Conference at Loma Pelona on November 4. Thanks to Interim Dean Kathy Foltz for her leadership!

In June, UC Santa Barbara joined the recently launched Alliance for Southern California Innovation led by tech entrepreneur Steve Poizner, with Vice Chancellor for Research Joe Incandela serving on the board. The nonprofit is aimed at nurturing and accelerating the growth of an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Southern California.

UC Santa Barbara named NSF Neurotechnology Hub for optical brain imaging, with $9-million award. The project, which includes UC Santa Barbara researchers John Bowers, Michael Goard and Luke Theogarajan, aims to use longer wavelengths of light to image cell activity in the brain.

Under a $14.9-million contract with the Defense Department’s Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, UC Santa Barbara researchers, including Professor Craig Montell, and five other UC labs will work to combat Zika.

UCSB Brain Initiative wins Hearst Foundation award to amplify interdisciplinary effort and to encourage donor involvement. Harriman Professor of Neuroscience Ken Kosik serves as director, and neuroscientist Bridget Queenan as associate director.

Energy Department invests $8 million to support scientific advancements in solid-state lighting technology, including $1 million for a project at UC Santa Barbara to develop
theoretical modeling and laboratory experimentation to improve green emitter inefficiencies in LEDs.

Materials Research Laboratory receives its sixth consecutive multimillion-dollar grant from NSF to fund operation as an NSF Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

On October 5, Distinguished Professor Charles Samuel delivered the 62nd Annual Faculty Research Lecture.

Professor of Materials Shuji Nakamura was named the 2017 Mountbatten Medal by Great Britain’s Institution of Engineering and Technology.

Professor of Linguistics Bernard Comrie was named the British Academy’s Neil & Saras Smith Medal.

Professor of English Alan Liu (PI), and Assistant Professor of English Jeremy Douglass (Co-PI) were awarded $1.1-million Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant for WhatEvery1Says project studying the representation of the humanities in public discourse.

$225,000 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant for seminar on “Energy Justice in Global Perspective”

- Associate Professor of Global Studies Javiera Barandiaran
- Assistant Professor of Film and Media Studies Mona Damluji
- Associate Professor of History Stephan Miescher
- Dehlsen Endowed Chair in Environmental Studies David Pellow
- Professor of Film and Media Studies Janet Walker

Professor of Chemistry Alison Butler received the 2018 American Chemical Society’s Alfred Bader Award in Bioinorganic or Bioorganic Chemistry.

Professor of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology Susan Mazer received the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden’s Honorable John C. Pritzlaff Conservation Award.

Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering Sanjit Mitra received the 2017 IEEE Educational Activities Board Vice President’s Award.

Professor of Political Science Pei-te Lien received the 2017 Distinguished Career Book Award from the American Political Science Association’s Race, Ethnicity and Politics section for “Contested Transformation: Race, Gender and Political Leadership in 21st-Century America”

Assistant Professor of History and Black Studies Terence Keel has received this year’s Harold J. Plous Award, one of our university’s most prestigious faculty honors.
Associate Professor of Film and Media Studies Ross Melnick received the 2017 Academic Film Scholar by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Associate Professor of Earth Science Alexander Simms received the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Neil Narang completed the prestigious International Affairs Fellowship at the Pentagon advising senior officials on nuclear proliferation.

ACLS – American Council of Learned Societies Advancing the Humanities
Five of our graduate students – from History of Art and Architecture, Feminist Studies, Linguistics, Religious Studies, and Musicology – have received prestigious fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies.

Isla Vista Updates
Last month, UC Santa Barbara volunteers teamed up to clean Isla Vista as part of the United Way’s campaign to improve neighborhoods.

Halloween 2017
Preparations have been underway to ensure another safe, quiet Halloween weekend:
  • Social media campaigns targeting out-of-town visitors and residents
  • Police roadblocks and parking restrictions
  • Festival Ordinance prohibiting loud music
  • Student-only concert and other alternative activities
Princeton Review’s Top 10 Party Schools of 2018 – UCSB no longer top ten party school in the Princeton Review
1. Tulane University
2. West Virginia University
3. Bucknell University
4. Syracuse University
5. University of Wisconsin – Madison
6. University of Delaware
7. University of Colorado – Boulder
8. Colgate University
9. Lehigh University
10. University of Maine

Top 100 Safest Colleges in America 2017
Out of more than 2,000 schools, UC Santa Barbara made the Top 100 Safest Colleges in America at number 75, based on data from the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting and the National Center for Educational Statistics.

Announcements by the Chair
Since the last Faculty Legislature meeting, the Academic Council met in June, July, September, and October. The issues discussed at these meetings were:

• Retiree healthcare
  UCOP put an action item on the Regents meeting agenda to propose to put a cap on retiree spending. Academic Council opposed the proposal, and the item was pulled from the Regents meeting agenda. A working group will begin its efforts in January to study this issue and generate a final report by July. No changes will be made to retiree healthcare for 2018.
• California state budget
UCOP has appointed Professor Michael Brown as the new UC Provost. Professor Brown has served as a faculty member in UCSB’s Department of Education, and as Dean of UCSB Extension. He is a former Academic Council Chair and will be supportive of faculty efforts.

Union Campaign
The Governor signed a new bill allowing research assistants to join a union. UC has remained neutral in the campaign. Faculty and managers are to remain unbiased and provide faculty information and refer questions to labor relations or the Graduate Dean’s office.

National politics
There have been a number of political issues affecting the UC community over the last year. The Academic Senate, President Napolitano, and the Chancellors have put out statements throughout the year in support of students and the academic community. However, the Academic Senate is not a political entity charged by the Regent’s to operate within the university. Other faculty groups on campus are more capable of taking political action.

Negotiated Salary pilot program

Change to Lecturer with Security of Employment (LSOE) job descriptions
The Senate reviewed a controversial proposal to change the working title and job description for the LSOE series.

UC National Labs
The UC National Lab contract is currently up for renegotiation, the outcome of which will be determined during winter quarter.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting
In Memoriam
2016-17 Annual Reports

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting; In Memoriam; 2016-17 Annual Reports

The motion was seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Proposed Revisions to Divisional Regulation 205(C)(2). General Education (GE) Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Engineering)

The proposal seeks to update the regulation for consistency with the revised GE Depth Requirement that was approved by the Undergraduate Council in May 2017. Prior approval was granted by the Engineering Faculty Executive Committee, Undergraduate Council, and Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction & Elections.

Motion: To approve the proposed revisions to Divisional Regulation 205(C)(2). General Education Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Engineering).
The motion was seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Proposed UCSB Local Procedures for Reported Senate and Non-Senate Faculty Violations of the UC Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH)

Following the work of the Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment, which was formed by UC President Napolitano, the UC Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH) was issued in January 2016. The Task Force has since recommended implementation procedures for faculty and non-faculty academic personnel, which were accepted by the President. The recommendations have been incorporated into systemwide frameworks for responding to reported violations. UCOP has requested that each campus update its local response procedures in the context of these new frameworks. The Senate has been asked to consider any necessary revisions to its bylaws and procedures in order to make them consistent with UCOP mandates. Title IX Officer and Director Ariana Alvarez has prepared a draft that indicates possible revisions to current procedures for the Senate’s review and consideration. The proposal is complex and builds on systemwide documents that have been revised over the past two years.

This item was placed on the agenda at this time for the purpose of gathering faculty impressions and to provide a forum for faculty to ask questions that might be addressed within the context of the Senate’s overall review of this issue. Campus procedures involving faculty conduct have always been presented to and approved by the Faculty Legislature. The documents pertaining to the new framework have recently been distributed for review by all local Senate Councils and Committees with the intention that the resulting proposed procedures will be brought back to the Faculty Legislature for extended review.

Chair Bohn provided a summary regarding current policy and procedures as background for discussion of the newly proposed UCSB Local Procedures, which were distributed for member review prior to the meeting. Our current procedures are in line with the Academic Personnel Manual and systemwide bylaws. The new procedures propose that a Title IX finding of an SVSH violation by a preponderance of evidence establishes probable cause per the Academic Senate’s current procedures for responding to complaints involving SVSH allegations. This new policy element would bypass the current involvement of the Charges Officer, Charges Advisory Committee, and ad hoc Charges Committee prior to potential early resolution and/or filing changes with the Committee on Privilege and Tenure. The new procedures also call for the use of a Peer Review Committee that will be created by the Chancellor to advise him in the course of early resolution deliberations. There has been tentative discussion of inviting members of the Charges Advisory Committee to serve as the Peer Review Committee, but this is still under consideration.

The faculty present were asked whether they would be comfortable with allowing the Title IX findings to replace the involvement of the Charges Officer and the ad hoc
Charges Committee, members of which are nominated by the Committee on Committees. While some members acknowledged the experience, expertise, and sensitivity of the Title IX staff in handling cases, others expressed concerns about resting so much discretion in the hands of the Title IX investigator(s). Support was expressed for maintaining the role of the Charges Officer and ad hoc Charges Committee in reaching a probable cause determination, which would maintain a system of checks and balance. Concerns were also expressed about focusing on speed, which is a major aim of the President’s framework, both in the handling of cases and implementing the new procedures.

There was discussion of the Academic Council’s previous and ongoing involvement with this issue and some background was provided. Chair Bohn requested that faculty email him directly with any additional input they wish to share regarding the proposed policy changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.