FACULTY LEGISLATURE MINUTES
March 1, 2018

The Faculty Legislature of the Santa Barbara Division met in Library Conference Room 1575 at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2018, with Chair Henning Bohn presiding. The meeting was attended by 30 voting members, 3 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
Kristin Antelman, currently University Librarian at Caltech, will join us on April 1 as our next University Librarian. Thank you to our Acting University Librarian Alan Grosenheider.

In Memoriam
Professor Emeritus Joe Polchinski, our Pat and Joe Yzurdiaga Professor of Theoretical Physics passed away on February 2. Among many honors in his distinguished career, he had recently been awarded the 2017 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, a $3-million prize shared with two other physicists, “for transformative advances in quantum field theory, string theory, and quantum gravity.”

Student Updates
Preliminary Fall 2018 Applications
• Freshman applications: 92,288 (up 12.8% from last year)
  o 48% with GPA of 4.0 or higher (3.90 average, up from 3.86 last year)
  o 30% underrepresented minorities
  o 34% first-generation
  o California applicants: 66,953 (73%)
  o Out-of-state applicants: 9,679 (10%)
  o International applicants: 15,656 (17%)
• Transfer applications: 17,782

2018 Regional Receptions
Washington, D. C. – March 3
New York City – March 4
Costa Mesa – March 10
Los Angeles – March 11
San Jose - March 18
Spring Insight Open House will be held Saturday, April 14

Campus Updates & Highlights
Film Festival Premiere
Professor Kum-Kum Bhavnani’s new film, “We are Galapagos,” premiered at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival on February 6. The documentary spotlights the women and men of the Galapagos who spearhead conservation projects aimed at addressing the impact of climate change.

On February 7, I joined President Napolitano and all of the UC Chancellors in Sacramento for meetings and a reception with state legislators.

UCSB Alumni Day of Service
On Saturday, February 24, our Alumni Association hosted the First Annual UCSB Alumni Day of Service, bringing together Gauchos worldwide to use our talents, skills, and time to care for others.

Mark your calendars...
All Gaucho Reunion April 26-29, 2018

Deltopia 2018
Planning continues for Deltopia 2018, anticipated for Saturday, April 7. Thank you to our faculty colleagues for your leadership in helping us improve the living and learning environment in Isla Vista.

Consent Calendar
Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting.

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements by the Chair

Chair Bohn reported on the two prior Academic Council meetings of January 31 and February 28, 2018. The Huron Report, which resulted from an organizational review of the UC Office of the President (UCOP) by Huron Consulting, was discussed during both meetings. Numerous recommendations have been made to UCOP regarding its operations. Discussion during the February meeting was focused on how UC should respond to the recommendations, some of which involve a potential shift of specific systemwide operations from UCOP to various campus locations.

The Academic Council has drafted a statement of principles about how any restructuring should be approached, the most important of which is “do no harm.” Maintaining the quality of UC while achieving new efficiencies within OP is the main goal. There is a
misconception that OP is all about the President and the people who serve at the pleasure of the President, which is only a small part of its operations. OP also houses systemwide services and programs, finance, and government and public relations, to name a few. Dividing OP into two parts with President, governance, and Academic Senate as one part, and academic affairs and all additional departments as a second part.

The Regents will meet March 14-15. A proposed increase in international student tuition and UCRP contributions will be discussed.

Academic Council unanimously endorsed a plan for faculty salaries that was crafted by the University Committee on Faculty Welfare to address the gap between UC faculty salaries and salaries at UC’s Comparison 8 group of institutions. The plan would provide a raise for all faculty, improve salary equity across the system, and brings the published UC salary scales closer to market reality.

The Council has continued its review of the proposal to revise the APM sections pertaining to the Lecturer with Security of Employment series. Many questions arose during last year’s campus-level review, which prompted further revisions and a second round of review. While the revised version does address some of the concerns raised during the first round, councils and committees of the Santa Barbara Division continued to express significant concerns. A subcommittee has been tasked with further review of the proposal to address remaining concerns.

In celebration of its 150th anniversary, the UC Academic Senate is organizing a symposium at OP in September or October 2018. The symposium will feature lectures and panel discussions focused on the mission, history and goals of the University, and will showcase the diversity and breadth of UC faculty research and knowledge.

The Chancellor has created a Child Care Task Force co-chaired by Divisional Senate Chair Bohn and former Chair Kum-Kum Bhavnani. The long-term goal of establishing a new childcare facility will require prior fundraising. In the short term, UCSB’s Devereaux property is being considered as a potential location for pre-school age childcare. The group is looking into how the current facility could be used to expand infant childcare, while prioritizing the needs of junior faculty. Other issues being discussed are Provision of backup childcare for use during irregular times of need is also under consideration.

Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction & Elections: 2017-18 Senate Election

Parliamentarian Chuck Akemann reported on the 2017-18 Election overseen by the Committee. There were open positions for Divisional Chair, three Academic Assembly Representatives, and four members of the Committee on Committees. Henning Bohn accepted a nomination for Divisional Chair and received the requisite five endorsements.
Charles Akemann (Mathematics), Eric Matthys (Mechanical Engineering), and Winndance Twine (Sociology) accepted Academic Assembly Representative nominations and received the requisite five endorsements.

The following candidates accepted nominations to fill three of the four open positions of the Committee on Committees, and received the five requisite endorsements.

Area A (College of Letters & Science Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences Division and Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management): David L. Lopez Carr (Geography)

Area B (College of Letters & Science Social Science Division and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education): Winndance Twine (Sociology)

Area C (College of Letters & Science Humanities and Fine Arts and College of Creative Studies): Peter Sturman (History of Art & Architecture)

There were no nominations for Area D (College of Engineering); this position will be filled by appointment by the Committee on Committees.

Parliamentarian Akemann asked for additional nominations from the floor. As there were none, a motion was accepted to approve the proposed slate.

Motion: To approve the slate of 2017-18 Senate election candidates.

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Gevirtz Graduate School of Education Faculty Executive Committee:
Proposed Gevirtz Graduate School of Education Bylaw Revision

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education (GGSE) represented by Faculty Legislature member Chunyan Yang, proposed two changes to the School’s current FEC bylaws. The first change allows more flexibility to the Department of Education by eliminating the requirement that one of their members represent the Teacher Education Program (TEP). TEP will still have one voting member on the FEC, and the non-Senate faculty representative will alternate between the Department of Education and the Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology, which does not employ as many non-Senate faculty as the Department of Education.

Motion: To approve the proposed GGSE FEC Bylaw Revision.

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council on Faculty Issues & Awards (CFIA):
Proposed Name changes and Bylaw Revision

CFIA Chair Patricia Fumerton presented the Council’s proposal to change its name from Council on Faculty Issues and Awards to Council on Faculty Welfare, Academic Freedom, and Awards. The Council also proposed that its standing Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (CFWAF) be renamed as simply Committee on Academic Freedom. These changes are intended to better align the name of each group with its charge as defined in the Senate bylaws. Minor revisions to Bylaw 60 were proposed to reflect the new names.

Motion: To approve the proposed renaming of CFIA and CFWAF and the revision of Bylaw 60 to reflect these changes.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.