The Faculty Legislature of the Santa Barbara Division met in Library Room 1312 at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2020, with Chair Henning Bohn presiding. 31 voting members, 3 ex-officio members, and other interested parties attended the meeting.

Announcements by the Chancellor (from the slides presented)

Thank you to Senate Chair Henning Bohn and to all of our faculty colleagues for your commitment to shared governance. We are excited for the new academic year!

In Memoriam

Dr. Barbara Uehling Charlton, Chancellor of UC Santa Barbara from 1987 to 1994, passed away in January 2, 2020. She is credited with emphasizing diversity, academic excellence, and campus growth.

Transitions on Campus

Anthem Blue Cross and Cottage Health (which includes Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, and Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital) have extended their current contract for 12 months. It had been set to expire January 1, but negotiations to renew contract continue.

We announced the formation of the Police Advisory Board last month. Professor Geoffrey Raymond and Sharon Tettegah agreed to co-chair the Advisory Board, and they will work collaboratively with the police department and the campus community to enhance communication and address issues involving safety and well-being of our students, staff, and faculty. If you would like to participate, please let us know.

The Master Circulation Plan Committee was announced last month. It will develop a master plan for vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian circulation systems on our campus. Professor Joel Michaelsen and Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Gary Mac Pherson will serve as co-chairs. Thanks to all who agree to participate on the committee.

Student Updates

Fall 2020 Applications

- 90,944 first-year applicants (93,342 last year)
  - Average GPA: 3.98 (53% have 4.0 or higher)
  - California Residents: 63.151% (69%)
  - Domestic nonresidents: 11,133 (12%)
  - International nonresidents: 11,133 (12%)
- Underrepresented minorities: 25,519 (28%)
- First-generation: 27,946 (31%)

18,929 transfer applicants (18,367 last year)

Fall Freshman Applications at a Glance: 1995-2020

Fall Transfer Application at a Glance: 1995-2020

Fall 2019 Undergraduate Nonresident Enrollment

Regional Receptions
UCSB Campus Open House will welcome admitted students, prospective students, and their families to campus on Saturday April 18.

Campus Updates and Highlights

Professor John Martinis was invited to the White House. He is the chief scientist collaborating with Google to build a quantum computer. Nature Physics named him among one of the top ten people who mattered in sciences. Congratulations!

State Senator Anthony Portantino visited our campus in November, and he spoke to two classes in Political Sciences.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science named Maria Charles, Robert Odette, Yuan Xie, Thuc-Quyen Nguyen, Elizabeth Belding, Cheryl Briggs, David Valentine, Alan Murray, and Hugo Loaiciga as new fellows. Congratulations!

Professor of Materials Michael Chabinyc and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Sanjit Mitra became Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors. Congratulations!

Professor of Computer Science Giovanni Vigna and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Yuan Xie were named Fellows of the Association for Computing Machinery. Congratulations!

Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Anthony Cheetham will be knighted for his contributions to material chemistry and global outreach. Congratulations!

Professor of Materials Shuji Nakamura received the 2019 Leigh Ann Conn Prize for Renewable Energy. Congratulations!

Professor Emeritus of Art Richard Ross received the 2019 Claes Nobel World Betterment Award from the National Society of High School Scholars in recognition of his work with incarcerated youth. Congratulations!
Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Galan Moody received the Air Force Young Investigator Award for $450,000 over three years to support his work on quantum computing. Congratulations!

Professor JoAnn Kuchera-Morin, and all of the AlloSphere Colleagues, received the 2019 Innovation Award. Congratulations!

UCSB Dance Company celebrates its 30th Anniversary by scheduling a tour from April 11 to May 4. The Dance Company will give 12 performances in Norway, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Italy.

Save the Date! All Gaucho Reunion will be on April 23-26, 2020.

2020-21 Governor’s Proposed State Budget

Governor Gavin Newsom will release his proposed state budget on January 10, but the budget for higher education will not be close to the UC request of $447 million. The Legislative Analyst’s Office reports incoming revenue to exceed forecast, but federal taxes and state’s general fund are unknown variables.

Isla Vista Update

The 2019 Halloween Concert with DJ Mustard attracted more than 6,000 students, leaving DP empty! Arrests and citations are declining in Isla Vista!

Halloween Arrests and Citations: 2013-2019

“The overall statistics seem to be following the recent past and reflected a continued downward trend in attendance and criminal activity,” according to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office.

Thank you!
Announcements by the Chair

Chair Bohn reported on personnel transitions at the Office of the President, the October Academic Council meeting, and local campus concerns.

- The UC Presidential Search continues. The Academic Advisory Committee, of which Chair Bohn is a member, has held only one meeting thus far. The UC Academic Senate has made it very clear that faculty favor the selection of a candidate with an academic background. The town hall meeting sponsored by our Divisional Senate in November was well attended and resulted in a collaborative discussion. The College Futures Foundation, a workforce non-profit organization, is organizing several town hall meetings in California. Concerns have been expressed about the role and practices of this group.

- The Report of the Standardized Testing Task Force is to be released at the end of January and will be distributed for Senate council and committee review as soon as it is forwarded to the campuses. The UC Regents are anxious to move on this issue, which will result in a shorter than usual review period.

- When Regents Chair John Perez visited with Academic Council earlier this academic year, standardized testing was among the topics discussed, along with shared governance concerns and the need for better public articulation of UC’s mission and wide-ranging contributions.

- Negotiations are ongoing with the American Federation of Teachers Union, which represents Unit 18 Lecturers. The general statement from the Academic Council was posted on the UC Senate website today. While there is overarching respect and support for these instructors, there are also concerns about far reaching demands that would potentially blur the distinction between the roles of Unit 18 Lecturers and Senate faculty. It is also making demands on core academic issues; and it wants to impose external arbitrators who would have final word on disputes. The Academic Council statement points out that we share the UC Mission and commitment to undergraduate education. Although some campuses have made statements of support, local statements are not needed because the system-wide Academic Council has issued a statement.

- The Cyber Security Resolution that was approved during the October meeting of the Faculty Legislature was presented to the Academic Council in November. In response to concerns from various entities, the scope of the audit has been reduced, and the University Committee on Academic Computing and Communications (UCACC) is now in support.

- Although there was discussion of increasing contributions to the UC Retirement Program earlier this year, any possible action has been postponed until July, at the earliest.

- The Regents have endorsed the General Obligation Bond Measure for inclusion on the March 2020 ballot. As state employees, UC faculty are restricted from using University resources for any kind of lobbying in support the bond.

- Following the announcement of planned changes to some health care plans, concerns were raised by the Senate and the Administration, which resulted in a one-year extension of the existing agreement between UC and Cottage Hospital.
Consent Calendar

Minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar item.

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

Reports of Standing Committees

Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections

Action item #1:

Proposed revision of Senate Regulations 175A and B, 190, 200A-C, 225, and 255 to include the requirement that students must be in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct at the time of degree conferral (Attachment 2)

Upon reviewing the proposed revisions, the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections (RJE) recommended slight further revision to reflect that the Student Code of Conduct referred to in the new language is specific to UCSB.

Motion: To approve the proposed revisions, including RJE’s recommended amendment.

The motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous show of hands.

Action Item #2:

Proposed revision of Bylaw 87. CAERS, for the purpose of adding an Athletic Admissions Review Committee (AARC) to the existing structure of the Committee (Attachment 3)

It was explained that institution of the AARC responds to recommendations resulting from an ongoing audit of athletic admissions practices.

Following distribution of the Faculty Legislature agenda, the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections proposed slight further revision to clarify lines of authority.

Motion: to approve proposed changes to Bylaw 87, with the amended language recommended by RJE.
The Motion was seconded, and put to a show of hands vote. There was 1 abstention, but the motion carried by otherwise unanimous support.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.