FACULTY LEGISLATURE MINUTES
January 18, 2018

The Faculty Legislature of the Santa Barbara Division met in Library Conference Room 1575 at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018, with Chair Henning Bohn presiding. The meeting was attended by 33 voting members, 6 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.

Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslide
A huge thank you to our faculty for your flexibility, patience, and resilience during last month’s Thomas fire and the resulting schedule changes for fall and winter quarters, as well as during last week’s Montecito mudslide tragedy.

The University will offer students, faculty, and staff who live south of Montecito reimbursements for commuting costs through an emergency fund created from private gift resources.

Transitions on Campus
On January 1, we welcomed Dr. Charles Hale, formerly of University of Texas at Austin, as our SAGE Miller McCune Dean of Social Sciences.

Student Updates
Final Fall 2017 Enrollment
• 81,832 freshman applications; 98,674 total
• Freshman class: 4,538
  o Average GPA: 4.08
  o Average SAT: 1911
  o Underrepresented minorities: 35%
  o First-generation: 38%
• Among our freshman class, 83% are from California and 17% are from out of state and around the globe.
Undergraduate Nonresidents | Undergraduate Nonresidents | Undergraduate Enrollment
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UC San Diego | 26.8% | 9,621 | 35,772
UC Berkeley | 26.6% | 11,125 | 41,891
UCLA | 23.6% | 10,411 | 44,027
UC Irvine | 21.3% | 7,512 | 35,242
UC Davis | 18.8% | 7,048 | 37,380
UC Santa Barbara | 16.2% | 4,060 | 25,057
UC Santa Cruz | 12.1% | 2,358 | 19,457
UC Riverside | 7.7% | 1,793 | 23,279
UC Merced | 3.5% | 286 | 7,967

Preliminary Fall 2018 Applications
- Freshman applications: 92,288 (up 12.8% from last year)
  - 48% with GPA of 4.0 or higher (3.90 average, up from 3.86 last year)
  - 30% underrepresented minorities
  - 34% first-generation
  - California applicants: 66,953 (73%)
  - Out-of-state applicants: 9,679 (10%)
- Transfer applications: 17,786

The Student Loan Report ranks top 250 public schools for freshmen financial aid
1. UC Riverside | $22,241
2. University of Virginia | $21,517
3. UCLA | $21,100
4. UC Santa Barbara | $20,526
5. UC Davis | $20,328
6. UC Santa Cruz | $20,079
7. UC Irvine | $20,049
8. Rutgers – New Brunswick | $19,765
9. UC San Diego | $19,028
10. University of Vermont | $17,711

2018 Regional Receptions
Washington, D.C., March 3rd
New York City, March 4th
Costa Mesa, March 10th
Los Angeles, March 11th
San Jose, March 18th

Spring Insight Open House will be held Saturday, April 14th.

Campus Updates & Highlights
The Santa Barbara Independent named UC Santa Barbara the best place to work.
“Brimming with bright and driven students, the legacies of six Nobel laureates, and unbeatable ocean views – not to mention fair pay and good benefits – it’s no wonder UCSB is Santa Barbara’s best place to work.”

**Dangermond Endowed Chair**
Jack and Laura Dangermond established $1-million Endowed Chair in Conservation Studies, in connection with $165-million donation to The Nature Conservancy to purchase 24,000-acre Bixby Ranch at Point Conception.

Lecture by former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich in November inaugurated our new Blum Center for Global Poverty and Alleviation and Sustainable Development.

Thanks to the director, Professor Alice O’Connor, for her leadership!

At Breakthrough Prize ceremony on December 3 – the “Oscars of Science” – Assistant Professor of Physics Andrea Young received the New Horizons in Physics Prize.

2017 Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: Keith Clarke, Noah Friedkin, Ken Kosik, Diane Mackie, Brenda Major, Denise Montell

2018 Fellows of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers: Li-C. Wang, Clint Schow, Giovanni Vigna

Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Daniel Blumenthal named 2017 Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors

Professor Shuji Nakamura selected winner in Lifetime Achievement category of Abu Dhabi’s 2018 Zayed Future Energy Prize

Researchers B.S. Manjunath (PI), Tresa Pollock Co-PI), and Robert Miller (Co-PI) received $3.4-million grant from NSF to improve scientific image processing

Professor of Materials Tresa Pollock receives three awards from The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society – for outstanding long-term contributions to the field and for service to the professional society.

Professor of Literature and American Studies Chris Newfield receives National Endowment for the Humanities grant of $175,000 to research metrics in higher education – one of only 12 in the U.S. under NEH’s Collaborative Research Program.

Professor of Communication Joseph Walther named inaugural Bertelsen Presidential Chair in Information Technology and Society.

KITP Permanent Member and Professor of Physics Leon Balents named Pat and Joe Yzurdiaga Chair in Theoretical Physics.
Dr. Diba Mirza in Computer Science and Dr. Tyler Susko in Mechanical Engineering receive Northrop Grumman Excellence in Teaching Award.

UC Santa Barbara play “A’ Train” takes top prize of Best Production of the Year at 2017 United Solo Awards, the world’s largest solo theater festival. Congratulations to Professors Anne Torsiglieri and Risa Brainin.

The November 9th cover story of The Independent: “UCSB has the distinction of hosting the only Bachelor of Fine Arts program in theater and dance offered by the University of California.” Congratulations to all of our Theater and Dance faculty.

Professor Darren Long’s Ph.D. student in mathematics Nancy Scherich takes first place in Dance Your Ph.D. competition, sponsored by Science magazine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

UCSB Reads 2018
On January 16, we helped hand out free books to our students. The author will give a free lecture at Campbell Hall on April 3.

2018-19 Governor’s Proposed State Budget
- 3% base budget adjustment of $92.1 million in State General Funds (based upon a prior agreement, UC had expected a 4% increase)
- UCOP and UC Path are separate line items and are funded at FY 2017-18 levels
- Budget assumes UC retains $50 million that was made conditional in FY 2017-19 budget following state audit
- No enrollment growth funding for undergraduate or graduate students
- No funding for deferred maintenance

Isla Vista Update
Halloween 2017 news headlines:
“It appears Isla Vista Halloween Celebration Has given up the Ghost”
“Halloween Weekend 2017 ‘Uneventful’ in Isla Vista, Law Enforcement Drops”

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Launched in October, our Community Service Organization has set up permanent operations in IV, with safety stations and escort services on weekend nights.
Deltopia 2018
Planning is underway for Deltopia 2018, anticipated for Saturday, April 7. We expect to build upon the progress we've made the past few years.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting
2016-17 Annual Reports
   College of Engineering Faculty Executive Committee
   Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Relations with Schools
   Committee on Courses and General Education
   Undergraduate Council

Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting and 2016-17 Annual Reports

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements by the Chair

Chair Bohn thanked Chancellor Yang for consulting with the Academic Senate regarding urgent campus matters during the Thomas fire and Montecito mudslides. Chair Bohn conferred with members of the Executive Council regarding the postponement of final exams and related concerns.

The Chancellor has formed a Child Care Task Force to be co-chaired by Henning Bohn and former Senate Chair Kum-Kum Bhavnani. This group will begin meeting in early February.

The November 16, 2017 Regents meeting included a long, closed-door session during which President Napolitano’s handling of the state audit was addressed. Systemwide Senate Chair Shane White and Vice Chair Robert May were included in the meeting and scheduled a special Academic Council meeting the next day to discuss the proceedings, while refraining from the release any confidential information. An independent investigative report solicited by the Regents (Moreno Report), is posted on the systemwide Senate website and on our local Senate website. The extent to which this incident will affect the UC’s relationship with Sacramento is unclear.

A regularly scheduled Academic Council meeting took place on November 29, 2017. Regent Lark Park, one of Governor Brown’s main advisors, was in attendance. Some Regents have expressed a willing to engage in open lines of communication with the Academic Senate. The meeting included a discussion of the Negotiated Salary Trial Program. Most campuses support further piloting. Several of our divisional councils and committees were critical of the program during the most recent round of review. Academic Council has initiated systemwide review of a proposal pertaining to conflict of interest within UC Senate committees. Assuming this proposal is granted approval, our
local Senate may wish to adopt a regulation with similar language. The proposed revision of APM sections pertaining to the Lecturer with Security of Employment series is undergoing a second round of systemwide review.

**Proposed Revision of Divisional Regulation 80 – Subject A Requirement**

Undergraduate Council Chair David Paul presented proposed changes to Regulation 80 and explained that the revision is aimed at aligning the language of our divisional regulation with that of UC Senate Regulation 636, which was revised years ago. Both the Undergraduate Council and the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections support the proposed revisions.

**Motion:** To approve the proposed revisions to Divisional Regulation 80 – Subject A Requirement.

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.