



FACULTY LEGISLATURE MINUTES
March 12, 2020

The Faculty Legislature of the Santa Barbara Division met via Zoom teleconference at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, with Chair Henning Bohn presiding. 37 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.

COVID-19 Response Update. Established a COVID-19 Response Working Group with several UCSB experts.

- Transition to remote instruction for the remainder of winter quarter and the start of spring quarter through at least the end of April
- Deadline for winter grades extended by one week to 11:59 pm Tuesday March 31
- Advise students not to return to campus if they travel over spring break
- Campus open and operational
- Recommend against all non-essential business travel, international and domestic, for campus employees through the end of April
- Recommend that campus groups strongly consider postponing, canceling, or rescheduling crowded non-campus events
- Urge managers to use maximum flexibility in working with members of our staff in order to address challenges caused by COVID-19

Thank you to our faculty for your understanding and your partnership in helping to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our community!

Transitions on Campus

UC Santa Barbara Foundation Update. After nearly 30 years at UC, Beverly Colgate will be transitioning from her role as Associate Vice Chancellor for Development and Executive Director of the Foundation. Her new role will focus on providing leadership for our planning efforts around our next major fundraising endeavor/campaign. Thanks to Chris Pizzinat for providing interim leadership. Christian Treitler has been appointed Chief Financial Officer for the Foundation.

Office of Black Student Development. Dr. Dahlia Hylton joined our campus in January as Director of our new Office of Black Student Development. Dr. Hylton, who holds a

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration from Auburn University, previously served as Director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

Student Updates

UCSB Decision Day will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Fall 2020 Enrollment Estimates

- 90,944 first-year applicants
 - California: 4,090
 - Non-Residents: 950
 - Total: 5,040

- 18,929 transfer applicants
 - Anticipated fall enrollment:
 - California: 2,070
 - Non-Residents: 285
 - Total: 2,355

Regional Receptions

New York	March 1
San Jose	March 7
Orange County	March 14
Los Angeles	March 15

Given the cancellation of several California Receptions due to COVID-19 precautions, Admissions is working on plans for online events, social media campaigns, virtual tours, and new videos to targeted audiences.

Campus Updates and Highlights

Graduate Students. Our graduate students are an integral part of our community, and their contributions are indispensable to fulfilling our mission of teaching, research, and

service. Regarding the concerns and demands of our students, I have been meeting with:

- Graduate and undergraduate students
- Academic Deans, Department Chairs, and Faculty
- Dean of the Graduate Division
- Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Academic, Housing, and Budget and Planning administrators

We recognize the challenges and pressures that our graduate students face, especially those related to housing.

We are committed to working collaboratively, and with UCOP, to find solutions that address their concerns.

Standardized Testing Report. On February 3, UC Academic Council's Standardized Testing Task Force released a report recommending the continued use of SAT and ACT as an admission requirement for now. UC Board of Regents is set to vote on the issue in May.

Diversity Rankings. UC Santa Barbara is "**one of the 20 most diverse colleges in the United States,**" according to U.S. Department of Education data published by **24/7 Wall St.** on February 13, 2020. UC Santa Barbara ranks among the top 10 for share of Pell Grant recipients (36%), according to a February 19, 2020, report by the national **American Talent Initiative** to enroll more low-and-moderate-income students across the U.S. by 2025.

2020 Award for the Industrial Application of Science. Nobel Laureate Shuji Nakamura receives the National Academy of Science award, which "recognizes applications in industry of significant achievements in sciences."

LED Patent Lawsuit. "Filament" LED technology was developed and patented by Solid State Lighting and Energy Electronics Center led by Nobel Laureate Shuji Nakamura. This is the technology used in today's "Edison" Led bulbs with glowing filaments visible inside glass bulbs.

LED Patent Lawsuit:

- 2019 sales for "Edison" bulbs are project to exceed \$1 billion
- UC Santa Barbara has engaged in a "first-of-its-kind university-led effort" to prosecute patent rights by suing retailers (Amazon, Walmart, Target, Ikea, and Bed Bath and Beyond) for damages in the U.S. District Courts AND requesting that the International Trade Commission investigate the retailers' conduct in importing products that violate U.S. patents.

- Should the ITC rule favorably on this complaint, it would have downstream impacts on any retailer importing products that violate U.S. patents.
- To date, 12 retailers have negotiated license agreements and dozens of others are in the works.

2020 Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award. Professor of Black Studies Vilna Bashi Treitler receives an award from the American Sociological Association in recognition of her “service to social justice, with an eye toward advancing the status of disadvantaged populations.” Her book “The Ethnic Project” has also been named to the Zora Canon, a list of the 100 best books ever written by an African American woman.

Optical Society of America C.E.K. Mess Medal. Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Daniel Blumnenthal is honored for his innovations in ultra low-loss photonic integrated circuits and their applications.

C.R. Rao Lifetime Achievement Award. Distinguished Professor of Statistics S. Rao Jammalamadaka receives an award from the Indian Society for Probability and Statistics “for his pioneering contributions to statistical theory and applications.”

Outstanding Trainer Award. GGSE Professor of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology Shane Jimerson receives the 2020 Trainers of School Psychologists Outstanding Trainer Award, recognizing his outstanding research and scholarship in the field of school psychology.

NSF Early Career Award. Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Elliot Hawkes is awarded \$60,000 to design new robots for potential life-saving applications.

NEH Faculty Fellowship. Assistant Professor of Film and Media Studies Mona Damluji receives a \$60,000 award for her book project “Pipeline Cinema” on the nexus of cinema culture and the oil industry.

2020 UCSB Reads. On January 14, we helped hand out to our students free copies of “Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore.”

Announcements by the Chair

Chair Bohn noted the need to hold today’s meeting via Zoom, given the current state of emergency, and predicted the likelihood that Zoom will soon become the temporary norm for Senate meetings. He reported on personnel transitions at the Office of the President, the February Academic Council meeting, and local campus concerns. He stressed the importance of shared government at the time.

- The Chancellor’s COVID-19 Working Group has met several times to plan a response to the pandemic and will continue meeting as long as needed. The Chancellor has announced to the campus community that instruction will be

delivered remotely for the time being and the deadline for winter grades has been extended. The Senate recognizes the imposition this has placed on faculty and students and appreciates everyone's best efforts.

- The General Obligation Bond Measure failed in the recent election. COVID-19 is expected to have significant impacts on the State budget, and we'll have to where and see where we stand when the May revise is announced.
- The proposal to increase tuition based on a cohort model is on the agenda for the April Regents meeting.
- The Report of the Standardized Testing Task Force (STTF), which is currently under review at the campus level, provides a detailed analysis that refutes the premise of the Regents' recommendation to discontinue use of the SAT/ACT exams in the UC admissions process. The Academic Senate Assembly will make a recommendation at the culmination of the ongoing review.
- The Assembly had its first in-person meeting since 2014 in February of this year in response to concerns about the effectiveness of conducting these meetings via Zoom. The Assembly will hold one in-person meeting per year going forward.
- The UC Presidential Search continues. A resolution passed by the Academic Council was forwarded to the Regents conveying concerns that, as Chair of Academic Advisory Committee, Kum-Kum Bhavnani has not been included in the search process to the extent expected.
- President Napolitano presented to Academic Council a list of items she plans to complete before vacating her position. Provost Michael Brown talked about graduate student life to the Regents.

Consent Calendar

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion was seconded and approved by a 40-3-0 vote.

Reports of Standing Committees

Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections

Action item #1:

Parliamentarian Chuck Akeman presented the report of the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections (RJE) regarding the results of this year's Senate election. Nominations were sought to fill positions for Divisional Chair, three Senate Assembly Representatives, and four members of the Committee on Committees. The results are as follows:

Divisional Chair

Susannah Scott (Chemical Engineering)

Five Senate members were nominated for the position of Divisional Chair; two nominations were declined. Three candidates accepted nominations and received the requisite five endorsements. A ballot was conducted over the period from February 19 through March 4, 2020 with the following results.

Eric Matthys (Mechanical Engineering) - 13.91% (48 votes)
Susannah Scott (Chemical Engineering) - 57.97% (200 votes)
Jianwen Su (Computer Science) - 28.12% (97 votes)
Total Votes - 345 (26.34)

Assembly Representatives

Two candidates were nominated to fill the three Assembly Representative positions; one declined to accept. The remaining candidate accepted nomination and received the requisite five endorsements.

Isabel Bayrakdarian (Music)

Because there was only one viable candidate for the three open positions, a ballot was not conducted following the nomination period.

Committee on Committees

Four candidates were nominated for membership on the Committee on Committees; one declined to accept.

The following candidates accepted nominations and received the requisite number of endorsements.

Jean-Pierre Fouque (Statistics and Applied Probability)	Area A: College of Letters and Science Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences Division and Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management
Peter Sturman (History of Art and Architecture)	Area C: College of Letters and Science Humanities and Fine Arts Division and College of Creative Studies
Linda Petzold (Mechanical Engineering)	Area D: College of Engineering

Because there was only one nominee each in Areas A, C, and D, a ballot was not conducted for these positions. As there were no faculty nominations for the

position in Area B (College of Letters and Science Social Sciences Division and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education), this position will be filled by the Committee on Committees in accord with Divisional Bylaw 90.C11.

Regarding all of the positions noted above for which there are no more nominees than vacancies, per Divisional Bylaw 195.E6, further nominations may be submitted from the floor. Such a nomination must be seconded by an elected member of the Faculty Legislature; further, the nominee must immediately accept the nomination, either in person or via a signed memo presented by the nominator. If a nomination is seconded and accepted, a ballot for the position will be distributed within the next ten days. If there are no new nominations for a position, acceptance of this election report by the Faculty Legislature concludes the election process for that position.

As no nominations were submitted from the floor, there was a request for a motion to accept the above slate.

Motion: To approve the election results reported by RJE.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by a vote of 40-0-0.

The floor was opened for general comments and discussion.

There was brief discussion on various matters related to remote instruction. Suggestions were offered and inherent challenges were acknowledged. It was noted that the polling feature used during the meeting might be transferable to certain aspects of class participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.