Quick Notes for Representative Assembly Members to Share at Department Meetings
October 12, 2021 Representative Assembly Meeting*

Link to meeting agenda and meeting materials:
https://senate.ucsd.edu/media/533366/ra-oct-2021-meeting-materials.pdf

Link to presentations:
https://senate.ucsd.edu/media/534114/october-12-2021-presentations.pdf

San Diego Divisional Senate Chair Tara Javidi’s Remarks

- COVID-19 infection rates have remained very low on campus even as the number of people spending time on campus has risen.
- A few designated Senate committees, Senate Council, and the Administration are developing a robust, yet flexible, framework to help with the transition toward an even more lively, yet safe, campus presence for Winter and Spring 2022.
- The Senate-Administration Workgroup on Academic Advancement in the Wake of COVID-19 has compiled a set of recommendations regarding the effect of COVID-19 on the promotion of junior faculty or faculty with young children. The Workgroup’s report was posted to the Senate’s website, and EVC Simmons sent a response to Deans and Department Chairs in August documenting the steps that Academic Affairs plans to take to implement the workgroup’s recommendations. Given the importance of the issues, Chair Javidi urged RA members to be the ambassadors for the Academic Senate to make sure this on colleagues’ radars.
- Senate Council has recently approved the formation of an IT Ad Hoc Committee to review the issues experienced during the implementation of recent software system rollouts (including the Oracle Financial Information System), and offer recommendations to mitigate potential issues with the rollout of new systems in the future.
- The UC Systemwide Senate has asked the UCSD Campus Climate Change Chair, Fonna Forman, to co-chair the Global Climate Leadership Council.

Chancellor Pradeep Khosla Remarks

- The campus will be reevaluating the COVID-19 guidelines, and in particular, will be revisiting the masking mandates.
- UCSD Health in Hillcrest will be transformed by a $2.5-3 billion investment.
- The project will replace 34 of the 36 current buildings, will be completed in five phases of development, and will take an estimated 15 years to complete.
- The plan includes residential towers, which will be housing for faculty and staff.
- The existing hospital will remain open during construction.
- The first new building, the Hillcrest Outpatient Pavilion, will break ground in 2021.

*These notes are intended to be a quick recap and supplement to the notes taken by Representative Assembly members at the meeting, in order to aid them in their reporting at Department meetings. The notes do not replace the minutes, which are the official record of Representative Assembly meetings and are approved at the following Assembly meeting.
• The light rail trolley Blue Line, which will service the UCSD campus, will open in November 2021.

See page 1 of the presentation slides.

Executive Vice Chancellor Elizabeth Simmons Remarks

EVC Strategy Update
• The aspiration is for UCSD to scale up the size, connectivity, and impact of research collaborations, to be as innovative in education as UCSD is in scholarship, and to empower every Triton to succeed.
• These aspirations will be achieved by sharing overarching goals and creating habits of purposeful collaboration.
• Collective Impact (CI) will be employed to manifest shared goals and to tackle complex challenges facing the campus, and can be accomplished by creating connections between campus partners, combining expertise, and leveraging collective efforts.
• Anyone who would like to express interest in CI should contact collectiveimpact@ucsd.edu for more information.

See page 2 of the presentation slides.

Senate Overview by Former Divisional Chair Steven Constable

• The Academic Senate is the primary vehicle through which faculty participate in shared governance.
• UCSD’s Academic Senate is one of ten University of California Divisional Academic Senates, and is referred to as the San Diego Divisional Academic Senate.
• San Diego Divisional standing committees serve as deliberative bodies that conduct the transactional work of the Divisional Senate, while Representative Assembly is a legislative body, which votes on Senate bylaw and regulation modifications, and graduate degree program proposals.
• For the 2021-2022 academic year, the Chair of the UC Academic Senate is Professor Robert Horwitz, UC San Diego; the Vice Chair is Professor Susan Cochran, UCLA.

See page 20 of the presentation slides.

UC Open Access Agreements Update by Mark Hanna, Chair, Committee on Library and Erik Mitchell, University Librarian

• UC Libraries continue to negotiate with additional publishers for Open Access (OA) agreements, and are also beginning the renewal process for the initial contracts.
• Authors should consider publishing with OA when they publish with a journal that has a UC OA contract. The costs to the authors may not be as high as they fear; there are subsidies available.
• OA information should be shared with all faculty, students, and postdocs to explain the OA options available.
• Authors should consider all ways in which they can make their scholarship open access; in addition to OA journal articles, the library provides support for OA monographs, open educational resources, and open journal publishing.
• UCSD librarians are available to present at any relevant meetings or classes, answer questions, and provide support whenever it is needed.

See page 35 of the presentation slides, or the provided link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1duv0Hp_45DXgOB_RyOy6FBd7vJRUe3II/view?usp=sharing.

Special Orders

Consent Calendar
(a) Committee Annual Reports
• Committee on Academic Personnel
• Committee on Committees
• Committee on Research and Research Grant Committees
• Educational Policy Committee
• Graduate Council
• Undergraduate Council

No objections were received, so the reports were adopted.

(b) It was announced that the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health has changed its name to the Department of Family Medicine.

Reports of Standing Committees


(b) Educational Policy Committee, Padmini Rangamani, Chair; Informational item on updates to the Policy for Calculation of the GPA in the Major and the Policy on Distance Education Courses, and the establishment of a new Policy on Syllabi for Courses, effective Fall 2022; no vote was required. See page 113 of the meeting materials, and page 43 of the presentation slides.