Quick Notes for Representative Assembly Members to Share at Department Meetings
April 16, 2024 Representative Assembly Meeting*

Link to meeting agenda and meeting materials: https://senate.ucsd.edu/media/670755/april-16-2024-ra-meeting-materials.pdf

Link to presentations: https://senate.ucsd.edu/media/672451/april-16-2024-presentations.pdf

Minutes of the Meeting on February 27, 2024

The February 27, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Announcements by the Chair of the Division

Systemwide Updates

The UC Regents recently submitted a proposed Policy on Public and Discretionary statements by Academic Units. This draft was renamed and supersedes the draft policy Chair Hildebrand mentioned at February’s Representative Assembly meeting on the Use of University Administrative Websites. That version was considered at the March Regents meeting and changed in response to feedback from the Senate and others. The San Diego Division was asked to review this new draft policy and send comments to the Systemwide Senate. The Systemwide Senate will respond to the Regents before their May meeting. Link: https://senate.ucsd.edu/current-affairs/issues-under-review/regents-policy-on-public-and-discretionary-statements-by-academic-units-april-2024/

Divisional

Senate Chair Hildebrand and Vice Chair Graeve will be attending the Faculty Club Happy Hour on Thursday, May 9, and are hosting lunch at the Faculty Club on May 2. No RSVP is required for the Happy Hour.

Chancellor Pradeep Khosla Remarks

Before the state budget was announced, pay increases of 4.2% were proposed for non-represented faculty and staff. Despite the anticipated cut to the University’s budget next year, the Chancellor expects that UC San Diego will proceed with the salary increase. The budget cut will be applied to other unassigned expenses. Regardless, compensation is a commitment made by the University between the employee and the employer that should be maintained.

Executive Vice Chancellor Elizabeth Simmons Remarks

[None]

*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.
UC San Diego Health Expansion Plans and Update on Healthcare Coverage

Chair Hildebrand introduced Patty Maysent, Chief Executive Officer, UC San Diego Health.

The health system at UC San Diego does not receive state funding and all funding is generated through patient revenues. UCSD is the only UC campus health system responsible for student health care, making it unique from the other campuses. UCSD Health is becoming a destination health center, taking care of some of the sickest and most complex patients. UCSD Health has also become one of the leading transplant centers in the nation leading in quality and care. The health system is focusing on translating science and research into clinical care.

UCSD Health is expanding by creating more access points and express care clinics in the San Diego County region. In 2012, UCSD Health generated one billion dollars and as of last year, it has become a $3.7 billion health care system with over 13,000 team members.

The health system has ranked in the Top 10 five years in a row according to Vizient rating. The health system has also ranked in the top five in the state of California.

UCSD Health led San Diego County in COVID vaccinations, opening a COVID vaccine superstation in collaboration with the San Diego Padres giving out over 5000 vaccines a week.

In the next ten years, UCSD Health strives to continually rank in the Top 10 as a nationally recognized health system, becoming a world class destination program for patients and expanding community outreach. In response to these demands, UCSD Health is in the development stage of opening a new outpatient pavilion. This pavilion is located in the current La Jolla hospital. The new tower on the west side of the emergency department hopes to eliminate the currently impacted emergency room and increase patient capacity.

The Hillcrest hospital location is opening a new parking garage and outpatient pavilion for phase 1 of development and is set to be complete in July 2025. This location will also have a comprehensive multi-disciplinary cancer program giving the community more access to cancer trials, imaging, surgery, and procedures. The current hospital at Hillcrest is set to be replaced in hopes of building it bigger, aiming for 440 to 460 hospital beds. There is also a goal to expand the East Campus Medical Center in the inland mid-city and create a behavioral health hub. Opening in 2026 is a new Rancho Bernardo hub that will give 150,000 community members easier access to primary care, imaging services, radiation therapy, and surgery. A Tri-City medical center is in discussion for North County.

UCSD Health System is working with Anthem to expand health insurance opportunities for faculty and staff. Most health plans at UCOP are in a deficit and UCSD wants to think creatively to create a health insurance product that is attractive and meets the needs of faculty and staff. The healthcare team is seeking Senate input on how to roll out the insurance plan that makes it accessible and priced competitively with Kaiser.
A Representative Assembly (RA) member asked if physician and nursing personnel are in place to support UCSD Health’s growth. It was shared that the nursing vacancy rate is only 4%. However, there is a struggle for personnel in ancillary services such as radiation technicians.

A RA member asked how UCSD Health plans to compete with Scripps Hospital considering UCSD’s costs are higher. It was shared that costs are dependent on patient treatment and UCSD has an external group that works on cost and price comparisons with local competitors for basic services. However, since Scripps has dropped out of the Medicare advantage plan, UCSD Health has absorbed approximately 7,000 of Scripps patients.

See page 1 of the presentations.

**UC San Diego Decarbonization Study**

Chair Hildebrand introduced Michelle Perez, UC San Diego Energy and Sustainability Manager to give an overview of the UC San Diego Decarbonization Study.

The key objective of this study over the past several months was to analyze the cost of reducing greenhouse gas emissions on campus to achieve greater social and environmental benefits. The study is hopefully something that will contribute to aligning the University’s sustainable and strategic goals. The group is currently working with key campus stakeholders to get feedback on this study. The group is tracking towards a draft report that will be provided to the Academic Senate in May and following the Chancellor’s review, the report will be finalized by July. The goal is to have an implementation plan by January 2026.

This study also investigates system analysis to better understand how utilities are used. UCSD is working with San Diego Gas & Electric to better understand the California electrical grid and what can be done that will not negatively impact the grid.

Future goals include maximizing solar power with feasible pipeline distribution and maximizing the storage of this energy, along with looking into more opportunities for sustainable infrastructure. There is a goal to make these projects more visible. Making the renewable energy sources visible not only saves space by not having to bury or hide equipment but also facilitates learning opportunities by creating conversation.

There are Equity Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) opportunities and considerations for energy projects. Transition impacts and opportunities are being developed and evaluated and the project is incorporating four major climate environment justice concepts: procedural, recognition, distributive and restorative.

After the report is finalized, more modeling and analysis will be done to provide updates to the campus. The group wants to prioritize projects, set targets and develop an implementation plan.

A member asked how much energy on campus currently comes from renewable resources and what the next decade will look like. Currently on campus, there is 5% renewable energy being utilized and 2.4% of that is from solar. UCSD is looking at more opportunities for the future.
A member asked how much greenhouse gas emissions we contribute as a campus from commuting. Commuting and university vehicles contribute 20,000 tons of greenhouse gas from commuting; in comparison, 200,000 tons are emitted on campus.

See page 18 of the presentations.

**Special Orders**

**Senate Election – Nominations for Committee on Committees**

The voting period for the election is April 29-May 15. Senate Council nominated the following candidates to serve on the Committee on Committees for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2027. The election slate was approved.

- Arts department:
  - Teddy Cruz (Professor, Visual Arts)

- Humanities department:
  - Gloria Chacón (Associate Professor, Literature)
  - Deborah Hertz (Professor, History)

Senate Council nominated the following candidates to serve on the Committee on Committees for a one-year term, effective September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. The election slate was approved.

- Health Sciences department, excluding the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences:
  - Joseph Ciacci (Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery, Neurological Surgery)
  - Sheila Mody (Professor of Clinical Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences, Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences)

The following candidates were nominated by petition to serve on the Committees for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. The election slate was approved.

- Arts department:
  - Jordan Crandall (Professor, Visual Arts)

- Health Sciences department, excluding the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences:
  - Julie Marek Bykowski (Professor of Clinical Radiology, Radiology)
  - Farah Sheikh (shake) (Professor, Medicine)

- Physical Sciences department:
  - Seth Cohen (Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry)
  - Alireza S. Golsefidy (Professor, Mathematics)
The following candidates were nominated by the Committee on Committees and were announced at the meeting:

- Vice Chair (Chair Designate) of the Division for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2026. The incumbent serves as Vice Chair the first year and as Chair the second year.
  - Robert Kluender (Professor, Linguistics)
  - Rebecca Jo Plant (Professor, History)

- Two Divisional Representatives (two vacancies) to the systemwide Assembly of the Academic Senate for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2026.
  - Marianna Alperin (Professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences)
  - Julia Ortony (Associate Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry)
  - Gregory Rouse (Professor, SIO)
  - Steven Swanson (Professor, Computer Science & Engineering)

2023-24 Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award

Approved: Committee on Senate Awards nominations for Distinguished Teaching Awards.

Distinguished Teaching Award, Senate Members
- Saharnaz Baghdadchi (Electrical & Computer Engineering)
- Mark Bounthavong (Skaggs School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences)
- Shannon Ellis (Cognitive Science)
- Barry Grant (Molecular Biology)
- Celeste Pilegard (Psychology)

Barbara and Paul Saltman Distinguished Teaching Award, Non-Senate Members
- Kristina Markman (Revelle College Humanities Program)
- Maysa Nichter (Political Science)
- Suraj Rampure (Halicioğlu Data Science Institute)

Barbara and Paul Saltman Excellent Teaching Award, Graduate Students
- Jennifer Gaudette (Political Science)
- Alex Taylor (Music)
- Sevin Sagnic (Sociology)

Non-Substantive Changes to San Diego Divisional Senate Bylaw 250, Preparatory Education

Approved: Proposed non-substantive change to San Diego Divisional Bylaw 250 – Preparatory Education. See page 54 of the meeting materials.
**Reports of Standing Committees**

(a) Graduate Council, Arshad Desai, Chair; and Malik Gaines, Associate Professor, Department of Visual Arts
   
   a. Approved: Proposal to change the name of the PhD in Art History, Theory and Criticism to Art/History/Media/Theory and change the name of the PhD in Art History, Theory and Criticism with a concentration on Art Practice to Art/History/Media/Theory – Art Practice
   b. See page 57 of the meeting materials.

(b) Undergraduate Council, James Cooke, Vice Chair
   
   a. Approved: Proposal to amend San Diego Divisional Bylaw 210, Undergraduate Council
   b. See page 58 of the meeting materials.

(c) Senate Council, Olivia A. Graeve, Vice Chair; and Brookie Best, Dean, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
   
   a. Approved: Proposal for the formation of two departments within the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: Department of Pharmacy Practice and Sciences and Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
   b. See page 62 of the meeting materials, and page 28 of the presentation slides.

(d) Senate Council, Olivia A. Graeve, Vice Chair; and Craig Callender, Chair, Committee on Campus Climate Change, George Fuller, Chair, Committee on Research
   
   a. Approved: Proposed Resolution on UC San Diego Policy on Public Disclosure of External Funding. A motion to amend item 1 of the proposed resolution to add “No additional work will be required from faculty members” was made and seconded during discussion and passed by a majority vote.
   b. See page 194 of the meeting materials, and page 37 of the presentation slides.