# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## MINUTES

**November 29, 2018**

- **2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**
- **California Room**
- **UCLA Faculty Center**

### WITH A QUORUM PRESENT

**Meeting Called by**

Joseph Bristow, Academic Senate Chair, at 2:04 pm

**Type of Meeting**

Legislative Assembly

**Guests**

Chancellor Gene Block, Kelly Wahl, Mitsue Kotoya

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## I. Approval of Minutes and Consent Calendar

### Meeting Called to Order at 2:05 P.M.

- **Chair Joseph Bristow**

  - Approval of June 7, 2018 Minutes
    - Minutes approved as written.
  - Approval of Consent Calendar & Special Orders (please see item IV for Consent Calendar items and item V for Special Orders)
    - Approved with no objections.

## II. Welcome and Brief Announcements

- **Chair Joseph Bristow**

  Chair Joseph Bristow welcomed Legislative Assembly Members. Chair Bristow outlined the meeting agenda and provided a brief description of each agenda item.

  Past Academic Chair, Susan Cochran, spoke about Past Academic Chair Leobardo Estrada, 2015-16. The Assembly observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Leobardo Estrada.

## III. Announcements by the Chancellor

- **Chancellor Gene Block**

  Chancellor Gene Block spoke regarding Leobardo Estrada career and his legacy at UCLA. Chancellor Block discussed the current California wildfires and the impact on UCLA faculty, staff, and students. Chancellor Block stated that UCLA website has links for faculty and staff in need of assistance.

  Centennial Celebration and Campaign goal of 4.2 billion dollars has been met, but UCLA will continue to collect monetary gifts. The Centennial Celebration will take place next year with multiple celebrations and events. Dr. Carol Goldberg will provide an update on the Centennial Celebration at the next Legislative Assembly in February 2019.

  US News Report has crowned UCLA as the number public school in America. UCLA is focusing on improving scholarships and retaining tenured faculty.

  UCLA is going through a number of leadership transitions. Executive Vice Chancellor, Scott Waugh will be stepping down in 2019. The EVC search will begin shortly and will be targeting applicants with UC experience. The Chancellors office will be working closely with the Academic Senate Office on the EVC search. The search for the Vice Chancellor of Strategic Communications is scheduled to begin shortly, more information will be shared once the search has begun. There are also three ongoing Dean searches across campus: Anderson School of Management, the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, and the Fielding School of Public Health. Chancellor Block welcomed UCLA’s new Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, Gregg Goldman. VC Goldman comes to UCLA from the University of Arizona.
Chancellor Block outlined the current challenges across the UCLA campus. Undergraduate enrollment up by 21% since 2010. UCLA has decided to recruit out-of-state and international applicants to make up for deficit of in-state students. In order to accommodate the increase in students, the University has made changes to housing and classrooms. UCLA is implementing more off-campus experiences for students, such as study abroad, online education, and internships to assist with the increase of students on campus and improve the number of graduating students. The state financial assistance has decreased by 24%. UCLA will need to increase or improve where funding will come from to assist with aging campus and future needs. Chancellor Block informed LgA members about the four-year finishing rate for UCLA is in the 80th percentile. VC Wakimoto is continuously improving the research infrastructure on campus and removing barriers for faculty to receive funding.

IV. Consent Calendar

A. 2018-19 Committee on Committees Slate Updates *
B. Proposed Bylaw Revisions *
   • Chemistry & Biochemistry Department Bylaws Revisions
   • Department of Surgery Bylaw Revisions
   • College Faculty Executive Committee Bylaws Revisions
   • Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Revised Bylaws
C. Department of Biomathematics Proposal to Change its Name to the Department of Computational Medicine *
D. Special Orders

V. Special Orders - Annual Reports

A. 2018-19 Committee on Committees Slate *
B. 2017-18 Annual Reports *
   • Committee on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations with Schools
   • Committee on Committees
   • Committee on Continuing and Community Education
   • Committee on Development
   • Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
   • Committee on Emeriti Affairs
   • Committee on Instruction and Technology
   • Committee on International Education
   • Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication
   • Committee on Teaching
   • Council on Planning & Budget
   • Council on Research
   • Faculty Research Lectureship
   • Faculty Welfare Committee
   • Graduate Council
   • Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
C. Undergraduate Degree Awardees 2017-2018

VI. Reports on Special Committees

• 2018-19 Committee on Committees Slate was approved on the Consent Calendar
VII. Reports of Standing Committees and Faculties
Graduate Council Chair
Graduate Council Vice-Chair, Andrea Kasko attended the LgA meeting for Chair Willeke Wendrich, and provided a brief overview of the Appendix V Proposal to Discontinue PhD Program in Cellular and Molecular Pathology.
Motion approved: 80 in-favor, 2 abstain, 1 no

VIII. Petitions of Students

IX. Unfinished Business

X. University and Faculty Welfare
Chair Joseph Bristow
Updates on UC and Campus Issues
• Chair Bristow gave an update on the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) Institutional Review. Chair Bristow introduced Kelly Wahl and Mitsue Yokota and commended them on their dedication to the 60 page WASC report. Over the past 2 weeks the committee has been collecting and collating all the comments from faculty and campus groups. The committee is finalizing the report that will be sent to WASC.
• Chair Bristow outlined the current UC negotiations with Elsevier. Chair Bristow has been working with Librarian Virginia Steel regarding the Elsevier negotiations and Open Access. Virginia Steel was not able to attend the November LgA meeting, but provided detailed information regarding this issue. The current contract cost for the UC System is 10.18M and will most likely increase to over 11M in 2019. The UC Authors pay an additional $800,000 to have their work published. UCLA’s portion of the contract is $1.69M, which is 24.4% of the UCLA annual budget. Elsevier will not discuss open access until a contract has been approved. Chair Bristow opened the meeting up for member comments.
  o LgA members discussed the creation of an interest group with other colleges and universities to work against Elsevier. Faculty discussed the pros and cons of Open Access on issues of tenure and career advancement. The discussion of boycotting of free labor by UC faculty for large journal, that rely on faculty reviews. In addition to boycotting, faculty suggested the UC Library system move away from publishers and publish within our own system. The Library could communicate to departments and auditing bodies, that junior faculty may have to publish on “non” prestigious journals but the work is still valid and holds the same worth as publishing in a larger journal.
  o Senate will be sharing this information campus wide before the winter break.

I. NEW BUSINESS
No new business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.