Regular Meeting of the University Senate  
Institute for Peace and Justice, Room A  
February 4, 2016  

Attendance  
Arts & Sciences: Ellis, Chair; Besnoy; Bolender; Friedman; Glick; Nadkarni; Nelson; Pachence; Pierson; Ruiz; Sheehan  
Business: Gin; Rebman; Rothman; Sumner  
Engineering: Kim; Schubert  
Leadership & Education Sciences: Ammer; Quezada  
Law: Gruben; Lawrence; Lazerow  
Nursing: Burkard  
Peace Studies: Choi-Fitzpatrick; Sharp  
Ex-Officio: Allen; Harris; Ladany; Norton; Roberts  
Student Representative: Fox  
Guest: Karen Briggs; Michael Epstein; Tom Herrinton; Julia Hess; Terry Kalfayan; David Light; Diane Maher; Alejandra Nann; Alma Ortega; Laura Turner  

Ellis, Chair, opened the meeting at 12:17 p.m.  

I. Announcements  
A. Chair: Ellis announced that he will meet with faculty of various Schools and the College in the spring and will also meet with the AS Senate. Dean Ferruolo will speak to the Senate on February 18th. Ellis emphasized the importance of Senators sharing information provided at Senate meetings to constituencies.  
B. Provost’s Office: Allen provided updates on the strategic planning efforts. Visioning exercises will take place in the spring with the goal of the Board of Trustees approving a new vision statement and new strategic directions for the University at its meeting in late September 2016.  
C. Associated Students: Fox announced that the AS Research Grants are available for a variety of research and creative projects.  

Regarding the Title IX compliance training a resolution will be heard in the Student Life Committee of AS Senate. That resolution would then have to go before the AS Senate for a vote before it could be released as an official statement. The next AS Senate meeting is Feb. 18th.  

II. Presentations  
Terry Kalfayan, Vice President for Finance, speaking on the USD budget  
James T. Harris, President  

Harris provided information about the current state of legal education and law school enrollments nationally. As a result of various factors affecting the legal profession and law schools, by 2011 the number of individuals taking the LSAT was down 50% from the decade before, resulting in less law school students. In the last four years USD law school enrollment has dropped 26%, corresponding to a national trend. The strategy of the law school is to maintain the quality of its students and the law school. It is likely to be a permanent change and USD will need to make adjustments. In addition, to attract quality law students the law school will use a tuition discount model which is a new method for law schools.  

Lawrence spoke to the law school’s commitment to maintaining the quality of its law students, partly through lower enrollment, and to the changing state of the law school profession.
Kalfayan reported on the proposed 2016-2017 budget, how new revenue will be allocated, and the process for approval of the budget by the Board of Trustees in February. She reviewed the 2016-2017 budget priorities. The reduction of law enrollment has resulted in a decrease to its contribution to indirect expenses which will be offset by revenue from other funding sources and reduction of administrative costs, while limiting the cost impact to students.

III. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of December 3, 2015
The minutes of December 3, 2015 were approved by acclamation.

III. Business
A. Dr. Harris’ response to our comments on ARRT Policy 4.2
Ellis stated that Dr. Harris has accepted all of the Senate’s responses to Dr. Lyons’ ARRT revision comments with the exception of one item. Harris suggested that the last section of I.A.1 be revised to be consistent with the Senate Constitution which states in Article VII.5.1 that rank and tenure committees “shall be constituted as the concerned Schools/College provide.” Ellis noted that that could mean that rank and tenure committees could be appointed; however, the Senate Constitution does not provide for election of ARRT committees. Ellis indicated that the Senate desires that ARRT committees be elected which will require a modification to the constitution.

Ellis explained that previously a committee had reviewed the Senate Constitution and By-Laws and made recommendations but they were not acted on. It is his intention, with the Senate’s approval, to bring that document to a committee to refocus on the Constitution and By-Laws issues and to address the issue of constituting the ARRT committees.

Harris said he will withdraw his non-acceptance at this time and will come back to it with the revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

B. Motion regarding inclusion of Copley Library in ARRT Policy 4.2
Ellis asked Sumner to present the Executive Committee motion regarding Copley Library in ARRT Policy 4.2.

Sumner said the Executive Committee proposes the motions (distributed) to the ARRT Policy 4.2 to include the University Library and to change references to “College or School” to “Academic Units” and changes to Section III. Criteria for Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure. The motions do not require a second. Ellis opened it up for discussion.

Quezada recommended that III.A.2. “instructors” be changed to “faculty.”

Pierson asked whether the library should be defined as an academic unit when it does not grant degrees. Bolender suggested using the term “tenure granting units” rather than “academic units.”

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by,
Steve Sumner
Secretary

Peggy Agerton
Recording Secretary