

**Meeting of the Merced Division
November 21, 2005
Minutes of Meeting**

I. MEETING

Pursuant to call, the Merced Division met, at 8:00 a.m. on November 21, 2005, in the Redwood Room, Castle. Chair Anne Myers Kelley presiding.

II. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Kelley welcomed members to the first ever Merced Division Meeting. There were no Special Orders, Reports of Special Committees, Reports of Standing Committees, Petitions of Students, Unfinished Business, or University and Faculty Welfare.

Chair Kelley provided a brief overview of the University's dual-track system of authority and responsibility – *Shared Governance*. She noted that the Standing Orders of the Regents grant Senate the authority to authorize, approve, and supervise all courses (except those of certain graduate professional schools) and to determine the conditions for admissions, certificates, and degrees.

In other areas of University life, the Senate exercises an active advisory role. It has specific authority from the Regents to advise the President and Chancellors of the University on budget matters and on the administration of one of UC's prime resources, its libraries.

Senate involvement in University affairs extends well beyond its delegated authority in the academic sphere and its designated advisory responsibilities. Campus and systemwide officials regularly seek advice and review from the Senate on a variety of issues affecting faculty welfare and the academic environment.

The Senate assists in searches for deans, chancellors, and presidents, and it taps the intellectual resources of the faculty to recommend faculty members for service on administrative committees.

Other members of the Divisional Council provided overviews of the responsibilities of the various Senate committees.

III. NEW BUSINESS -- CHANGE IN MERCED DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Chair Kelley announced that, effective immediately, she would be stepping down as the Division Chair. In accordance with UCM Bylaws, the Committee on Committees has appointed Professor Roland Winston as her successor.

There being no further business the Division Meeting ended at 9:30 a.m.

Attest: Anne Kelley, Chair