

III. Announcements by the Chair

IV. Announcements by the President

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VI. Special Orders

A. Consent Calendar

1. Approve Amendment to the UC Diversity Statement

In accordance with [Senate Bylaw 116](#). Authority of the Assembly – Part II. E. “The Assembly is authorized to approve modifications to the University Academic Senate legislation. Written notice of any proposed changes to the legislation shall be distributed as provided for by Senate Bylaw 120.B. The notice for each proposed change must include existing and proposed texts and a statement of the purpose and intended effect of the proposed change. Except for Bylaws marked “[Protected -- see Bylaw 116.E]”, modification of Bylaws requires the approval of two-thirds of all voting member of the Assembly present...Modifications of legislation shall take effect immediately following approval unless a different date is specified or required.”

The following proposed amendment to add “gender identity” to the first paragraph of the UC Diversity Statement was unanimously endorsed by the Academic Council at its March 25, 2009 meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the proposed amendment to the UC Diversity Statement.

JUSTIFICATION:

The UC Diversity Statement was adopted by the Assembly of the Academic Senate on May 10, 2006, endorsed by the President of the University on June 30, 2006, and adopted on September 20, 2007 by the UC Regents. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, “gender identity” was not included. All other UC nondiscrimination policies forbid gender identity discrimination, in compliance with AB 196, which prohibits discrimination on this basis. The Academic Council recommends revision of the first paragraph of the UC Diversity Statement to include “gender identity” in order to be consistent with University policy.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UC DIVERSITY STATEMENT

(proposed addition in **bold**)

The diversity of the people of California has been the source of innovative ideas and creative accomplishments throughout the state’s history into the present. Diversity – a defining feature of California’s past, present, and future – refers to the variety of personal experiences, values, and worldviews that arise from differences of culture and circumstance. Such differences include race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, language, abilities/disabilities, sexual orientation, **gender identity**, socioeconomic status, and geographic region, and more.

B. Legislative Ruling 3.09—Applicability of SR 764 (information)

Legislative Ruling 3.09 addresses the scope of a variance to SR 764, limitation on the number of special study courses for which an undergraduate may receive credit.