

## VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

### Academic Council (continued)

- **John B. Oakley, Chair**
- 6. Regents' Request for Senate Action Regarding [RE-89](#)'s Proposed Restriction of Research Funding from the Tobacco Industry (**action**)

### **Senate Review of The Regents' Proposed [RE-89](#) - Adoption of Policy Restricting University Acceptance of Funding From the Tobacco Industry**

At their January 18, 2007 meeting, The Regents considered a proposal (RE-89) to institute a university-wide ban on the acceptance of research funding from the tobacco industry, and asked for the Senate's formal and unambiguous position on this proposal in time for the May Regents meeting. At the February 14, 2007, meeting of the Assembly, after discussion of review procedures, it was announced by Chair Oakley that RE-89 would go out for systemwide Senate review with a response date of April 13, that all committee and division responses would be included in the May 9, 2007, *Notice of Meeting*, and that the Assembly would, on May 9, consider and take an up-or-down vote on RE-89. Chair Oakley sent RE-89 out for systemwide review on February 26, 2007, asking standing Committees and Divisions to express an opinion either in favor of or in opposition to the proposal.

In addition, in a January 23, 2007 letter sent by Regent Moores to Senate Chair Oakley, Regent Moores posed a series of questions concerning the faculty position on the proposed RE-89. This letter was also discussed at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting. The task of answering the questions was assigned to a working group by the Academic Council. The group's response to the questions was transmitted to Regent Moores as an enclosure to a letter from Chair Oakley on March 19, 2007. That March 19<sup>th</sup> letter, with the working group's response and attendant attachments was, on March 20, 2007, circulated to all agencies of the systemwide Academic Senate to assist in their review of RE-89.

Seven Standing Committees of the Academic Senate and nine out of ten Divisions submitted positions on The Regents' adoption of RE-89. Of these 17 Senate bodies, 1 voted in favor; 15 voted against; 1 abstained. See the table on page 42 or a breakdown of individual responses.

At its April 25, 2007, meeting, the Academic Council, after consideration of the information submitted to it as the result of systemwide Senate review of RE-89, resolved: "The Academic Council recommends that the Assembly oppose RE-89." The vote of the Academic Council on this resolution was 15 in favor, 1 opposed.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** That the Assembly oppose adoption of RE-89, the proposed Regents' Policy Restricting University Acceptance of Funding from the Tobacco Industry.