

Academic Senate

Spring 2017 Newsletter

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senate@uci.edu**Message from the Senate Chair Elect**

As we come to the end of yet another academic year, it is worth looking back on the many accomplishments of the Academic Senate. The long list of activities outlined in this newsletter reflects only a small percentage of the numerous projects undertaken by Senate councils, committees, *ad hoc* work groups, and advisory panels over the course of the year. Despite the uncertainty of future state funding and the negative publicity following the recent State Auditor's report, there is a lot to celebrate at the Irvine campus. We have seen record student applications, an increase in graduate enrollment, high national rankings, increased extramural funding and strong evidence of faculty distinction.

We look forward to a productive and stimulating 2017-18. Let me take the opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of the Senate and especially Bill Parker, our 2016-17 Chair, whose able leadership has set an example for all of us to follow.

- Maria Pantelia, Chair Elect

Winter 2017 Senate Business**Systemwide Issues/Updates****Framework for UC's Growth and Support**

Campus and systemwide representatives met at UC Irvine on April 17 to discuss enrollment scenarios submitted by campuses as part of the UC Framework for Growth and Support project. Presentations included individual 2040 vision plans and discussion of the resources needed to meet visions. The meeting also addressed the role of the Master Plan for Higher Education in the scenarios. Following the meeting, UCOP will assess the submissions and assemble a systemwide view of the resources needed to fulfill the scenarios.

Policy on Nonresident Enrollment

At the May meeting of the Regents, the Policy on Nonresident Students was approved for implementation starting with the fall 2018 entering class. Consistent with the California Master Plan for Higher Education, the new policy prioritizes the enrollment of California residents, while refining criteria for the enrollment of nonresident students. The policy sets a cap of 18% for UC campuses that do not exceed a nonresident enrollment of 18% in 2017-18. However, for those campuses that exceed the 18% nonresident enrollment in 2017-18, the cap will be set at the percentage at the 2017-18 enrollment. The policy will be reviewed by the Regents periodically, at a minimum once every four years.

For more information please see:

<http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/aar/mayb.pdf>

Winter 2017 Senate Business (continued)

Systemwide Issues/Updates (continued)

California State Auditor Report Update

In April, the California State Auditor (CSA) released a report regarding an audit of the University of California Office of the President. Among the concerns raised by the report was a reported \$175 million of undisclosed reserves. While the Office of the President agreed with most of the recommendations, President Napolitano did clarify other points of the report including the inaccurate statement of the \$175 million in reserve.

For more information please see:

- California State Auditor Report: <http://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2016-130.pdf>
- Summary of California State Auditor Report: <http://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2016-130/summary.html>
- UC Response to California State Auditor's review of UCOP: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/uc-responds-state-audit-report-university-california-office-president>

Campuswide Issues/Updates

- **Faculty Hiring Priorities**

The High Impact Hiring initiative will not continue. The Senate has been involved in conversations about best practices for faculty hiring.

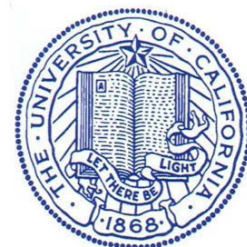
- **Support for the UCI Emeriti Association and Emeriti Engagement**

The Senate Cabinet endorsed the Council on Faculty Welfare and Diversity's (CFW) recommendation to support the UCI Emeriti Association and Emeriti engagement strategies submitted by Professor Emeritus and President of the UCI Emeriti/ae Association, James Danziger.

- **Actionable Recommendations for the Implementation of the UCI Strategic Plan**

The Senate councils discussed and presented at the May 2 and 16 Cabinet meeting the following recommendations to the UCI Strategic Plan (as requested by the Provost's Academic Planning Group (APG) :

- administrative efficiencies (CORCL)
- course evaluations (CTLSE)
- engagement-faculty review (CAP)
- evaluation of teaching (CAP)
- graduate student mentoring (GC, CAP)
- identification of campus actions (large scale multi-investigator & multi-disciplinary proposals & projects) (CORCL)
- interdisciplinary courses and curriculum (CEP)
- interdisciplinary faculty review (CAP)
- interdisciplinary graduate programs (GC)
- revenue, resources, and administrative efficiencies (CPB)
- undergraduate student recruitment (CUARS, CTLSE, CEP)



Winter 2017 Senate Business (continued)

Irvine Currently Under Review

- **Guidelines for the Review of Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs**

In light of UCOP's Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs) Policy, the Graduate Council (GC), the Council on Planning & Budget (CPB), and the Academic Program Review Board (APRB) are considering updating the UC Irvine Academic Senate guidelines for the review of new and established SSGPDPs.

Irvine Bylaws and Regulations Under Review

Irvine Bylaw 40. Membership

Irvine Bylaw 158. Student Participation on Committees

Irvine Regulation 415. Honors at Graduation/ Quarterly (Undergraduate)

Irvine Regulation 600. The Claire Trevor School of the Arts

Irvine Regulation 605. School of Biological Sciences

Irvine Regulation 607. Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences

Irvine Regulation 611. Program in Nursing Science

Degree Programs Under Review

Undergraduate:

- BA in Language Science (approved by Cabinet 05-02-2017)

Activities by Senate Councils

Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)

CAP is evaluating its review process in order to improve efficiency in handling the increasing volume of files.

Graduate Council (GC)

- **Guidelines for Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs**

At its meetings of April 13th and May 11th, 2017, Graduate Council reviewed the 2012 UCI Guidelines for the Development and Review of New Self-Supporting and Senate-Regulated Graduate Degree Proposals in order to align local policies and procedures with the revised systemwide Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs) policy dated July 12, 2016. The Council had a lengthy discussion about the changes made at the systemwide level and how best to incorporate them into our local policy and procedures. The Council had no concerns about the new policy; however the document itself does not reflect the current practice at UCI. In addition, Grad Council would like to review its current practices. For these reasons, Graduate Council will continue its discussion and work towards a decision for better review practices.

Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

Graduate Council (GC) continued

- **UCI's Strategic Plan**

At the request of the Academic Planning Group and Senate Chair, Graduate Council made actionable recommendations for the implementation of UCI's Strategic Plan as it relates to graduate student mentoring and interdisciplinary graduate degree programs:

- Graduate Student Mentoring

The Graduate Council spent a considerable amount of time revamping UCI's Mentoring Policy for graduate students this year. The new policy provides better clarity on the mentor/mentee relationship, as well as the difference between "advisor" and "mentor;" and addresses the distinguishing roles of each party (i.e. graduate students, the University, the program/academic unit, and faculty). The document borrows heavily from UC Merced's and UC Berkeley's mentoring policies. The revisions help to humanize the materials, noting relationship building and expectations of both parties without too many specifics to provide units both guidance and flexibility. Graduate Council notified all Graduate Associate Deans of the revised policy on April 17, 2017.

Additionally, Graduate Council discussed ways in which UCI could incentivize faculty to enhance graduate student mentoring. Ideas included:

- Inclusion of graduate student mentoring the academic merit and promotion review process, especially under the Teaching and Service criteria
- Look for a track record of graduate mentoring, when hiring faculty
- Providing more opportunities for awards in graduate mentoring at the school and campus level
- Educating current faculty of the Graduate Mentoring and Advising Policy at events like the New Faculty Orientation and department meetings
- Requiring a mentoring plan laid out in all new graduate degree program proposals so that it is included from day one

- Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs

Regarding best practices Grad Council highlighted those found by the Interdisciplinary Graduate Research and Training Committee, led by Associate Dean of Graduate Division, in March 2017:

- Develop Innovative Structures
- Allocate Resources at the Program Level
- Pursue Interdisciplinary Funding Opportunities
- Award Mini-grants to Incubate Interdisciplinary Initiatives
- Incentivize Faculty Participation and Leadership
- Facilitate Individualized Student Training
- Address Faculty and Student Workload



Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

Graduate Council (GC) continued

- **Academic Program Review**

Last spring the School of Engineering had its 2016-17 Academic Program Review, conducted by external reviewers. This report, along with the School's response was reviewed by Graduate Council. Overall the Council found the School review to be very strong, but asked for clarification and feedback on four main points: TA Distribution, Graduate Student Retention, Career Placement and the BME Preliminary Examination.

- **Approved Modifications to Graduate Programs:**

School of the Arts

- MFA in Music
- MFA in Art

School of Business

- Master of Finance
- Executive MBA
- Master of Finance
- Master of Business Analytics

School of Education

- MA in Teaching
- *The request for an additional 2 year suspension of the Single and Multiple subject credential program was approved.
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School of Engineering

- MS/Ph.D. in Engineering with a concentration in Materials and Manufacturing Technology (MMT)
- MS/Ph.D. in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
- MS/Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering

- **Graduate Degree Proposals:**

- Doctor of Nursing Practice proposal forwarded to Provost Dorr and the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)
- Proposals Under Review
 - Graduate emphasis in Medical Humanities
 - Ph.D. in Language Science
 - Master in Software Engineering

School of Humanities

- 4+1 Asian American Studies BA/MA Program

School of ICS

- Master of Computer Science

School of Law

- Master of Laws (LL.M.)

School of Medicine/Health Sciences

- MS/Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences
- Ph.D. in Nursing Science

School of Social Sciences

- MA in Social Sciences Concentration in Medicine, Science, and Technology Studies



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Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

Council on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations with Schools (CUARS)

The Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS) is continuing to discuss issues related to the admission of undergraduate enrollment and access to higher education.

More importantly, the Council had a chance to provide input to the Provost's Academic Planning Group (APG) with regards to actionable recommendations for the implementation of the **UCI Strategic Plan**. The two points of focus for which CUARS provided recommendations for are around ways in which UCI can modify or enhance student recruitment in the context of the University's goal to become students' first choice when applying to different universities and which students should we target as the first groups to more vigorously recruit.

The Council recommended that there be more focus on student finances, outreach initiatives, website enhancement, and on the lines of communications between the admissions team and prospective and enrolled students. CUARS firmly believes that the students admitted should reflect the diversity of the state as a whole, while demonstrating the high academic potential expected of UC students. CUARS acknowledges that geographical information is important and there should be further work being done to increase name recognition of UCI in other areas when trying to decide deployment of admissions field staff. While CUARS applauds the current effort of the Admissions Office given the funds available, more funding for this office is clearly needed for the increased effort suggested.

On behalf of the Office of Admissions, CUARS can report that UCI experiences the largest number applicant growth in the last two years.

Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)

At the campus level, the Council reviewed the following proposals:

Degree Programs:

- CPB endorsed the proposed B.A. in Language Science in the School of Social Sciences.
- CPB continues to review the self-supporting Master of Software Engineering in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences.

Endowed Chair:

- CPB endorsed the proposed Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Presidential Chair in Art History and Archeology of Ancient Iran in the School of Humanities.

Issues/Policies:

- In collaboration with the Graduate Council, CPB reviewed the divisional review process and guidelines of Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs, and the guidelines for the initial review of established Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs.
- CPB identified and formulated actionable recommendations for the implementation of the UCI Strategic Plan with regard to self-supporting graduate and professional degree programs, grants, philanthropy, and non-resident tuition. These recommendations will be passed along to APG.
- CPB reviewed revisions to APP 402-10 Endowed Chair – Procedures.
- CPB updated its membership bylaw.

Guest:

- Vice Chancellor Brian Hervey provided an update on the campus's fundraising efforts at the April 26, 2017 meeting.

Activities by Senate Councils (continued)



Council on Faculty Welfare (CFW)

- **Revisions to APM 285, 210-3, 133-0-B, and 740**

The Council conducted a final review of the proposed revisions to APM 285, 210-3, 133-0-B, and 740. These revisions recommend a title change from Lecturer with Security of Employment (LSOE) to "Teaching Professor," revised proposed requirements for advancement in the series, and clarified responsibilities and review criteria. The Council expressed concern regarding the "Teaching Professor" title, the requirement of pedagogical research for "Teaching Professors," and the ability of department to request this type of FTE versus a regular professor series FTE. In addition, the Council recommended that, when an individual is asking to move from the Professor series to the Teaching Professor series, a review be conducted by the Council on Academic Personnel (CAP).

- **UCIPD-UCI Community Relations Ad Hoc Committee**

The Council continued to receive updates regarding the UCIPD-UCI Community Relations ad hoc Committee. As of spring quarter, the ad hoc committee had drafted a report that included recommendations to be sent to the Senate Cabinet in late spring quarter.

- **Guests:**

- Ramona Agrela, the Associate Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Executive, presented information on the new Human Resources structure as well as plans for advancing the services of the unit, including retirement counseling.
- Ron Cortez, the new Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Business Services, and Rick Coulon, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Business Services, presented updates, changes, and goals for 2017-18, and discussed how to reduce the administrative burden on faculty. They will look into simplifying reimbursement for small purchases and for travel expenses.

- **Upcoming:**

- In the remainder of spring quarter, the Council will discuss the following: the Irvine Campus Housing Authority regarding waitlists, home sales, and maintenance.

Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL)

- CORCL recommended the renewal of the University of California Humanities Research Institute as a Special Research Program and the reappointment of its Director.
- CORCL formed two subcommittees to identify recommendations on large-scale multi-investigator and multi-disciplinary proposals, and on administrative efficiency for the implementation of the UCI Strategic Plan.
- At the Vice Chancellor for Research's request, CORCL provided a set of recommendations on the future of Organized Research Units and Special Research Programs.
- In its review of the systemwide Presidential Policy on Export Controls, CORCL recommended that core systemwide practices/procedures and training be in place to be amended as needed to address specific local concerns and that input from faculty members who are dealing with export controls be included in the development of guidelines and procedures.
- The Office of Information Technology presented on information security monitoring and privacy disclosure at the February 16, 2017 meeting.
- The UCI Libraries presented Open Access 2020, an initiative for large-scale transition to open access at the February 16, 2017 meeting.

Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE)

- **Under Review:**
 - CTLSE reviewed student recruitment as it pertained to the UCI strategic plan, and made recommendations including a more centralized recruitment process, and to make that process more transparent to faculty.
 - The Council reviewed and made recommendations to the proposal to redesign teaching evaluations. The final report will be sent to the Senate Cabinet in May 2017.
- **Updates:**
 - The Celebration of Teaching award honorees were forwarded to the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning's Academic Executive Director. The event took place on Thursday, May 4th in the Student Center.
- **Guests:**
 - The Executive Director of Housing, Lisa Cornish, provided information and updates regarding housing initiatives and transitions within the department.
 - Kelsey Layos, Manager, AWT & AAD from the Office of Information Technology, and Briandy Walden, Associate Director of Student and Academic Services, gave updates and information regarding the Canvas transition and the Evaluations tool pilot launch.
 - Brent Yunek, Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services, Dana Roode, Chief Information Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor from the Office of Information Technology, and Cameron Cosgrove, SIS Project Director, presented information and updates regarding the SIS project's progress, issues, future goals, and training.
 - Ron Fleming, Director of Transportation Services, gave updates and information regarding transportation initiatives.
- **Upcoming:**
 - In the remainder of spring quarter, the Council will hear updates and information from the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct and Athletics.
 - Transportation Services updates and initiatives, and ADA compliance on the UCI campus and UCI medical centers.

Council on Educational Policy (CEP)

The Council on Educational Policy has reviewed the following items related to undergraduate education so far this quarter:

- CEP approved the proposal for a B.A. in Language Science
- CEP approved General Education VII (Multicultural Studies) review instructions, to be sent to departments and Associate Deans by the end of May, 2017.
- CEP completed its review of GE IV (Arts and Humanities) and GE VI (Languages Other than English).
 - A total of 146 GE IV courses were reviewed
 - 124 of the 146 GE IV courses were approved by CEP.
 - 12 of the 146 GE IV courses were not approved by CEP. These courses have already had their GE designations removed.
 - 10 of the 146 GE IV courses were sunset by the departments.
 - A total of 15 GE VI courses were reviewed by CEP.
 - 14 of the 15 GE VI courses were approved by CEP.
 - 1 of the 15 GE VI courses were not approved by CEP.

Announcements

Incoming 2017-18 Council Chairs

Please join us in congratulating the incoming 2017-18 Council Chairs and thanking them for their leadership!

Peter Ditto	Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)
Hugh Roberts	Council on Educational Policy (CEP)
Jean-Daniel Saphores	Council on Faculty Welfare (CFW)
Nasrin Rahimieh	Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL)
Kavita Arora	Council on Teaching, Learning and Student Experience (CTLSE)
Raju Metharate	Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS)
Glen Mimura	Graduate Council (GC)

In Memoriam

At the June 1, 2017 Assembly meeting, the following In Memoriam were approved:

Edward R. Arquilla	(1922 – 2010)
Judd David Hubert	(1917 – 2016)
Yutaka Kikkawa	(1932 – 2016)
Joseph William McGuire	(1925 – 2016)
Pamela E. Prete	(1948 – 2016)
Richard Lloyd Regosin	(1937 – 2014)
Jens Rieckmann	(1944 – 2013)
Thomas P. Saine	(1941 – 2013)

If you would like to submit any outstanding In Memoriam resolutions, or have any questions regarding the In Memoriam process, please contact Christine Aguilar at (949) 824-7458 or cmaguil1@uci.edu.

For more information please visit: <http://senate.uci.edu/in-memoriam/>.

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Your comments are welcome: senate@uci.edu

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