

Academic Senate

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Message from the Senate Chair Elect

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It's been another busy quarter for the Academic Senate. As you can see from the detailed reports of this newsletter, your campus representatives serving in numerous Senate councils, committees, ad hoc work groups, and advisory panels have been working hard to communicate faculty perspective in decisions that affect us and our students.

We are pleased to report that the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing at UC Irvine has received final approval by the Regents in record time thanks to a large extent to the rigorous review by and persistence of our senate councils and leadership. Three self-supporting programs, MS in Business Analytics, MA in Finance and MS in Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems have also received systemwide approval.

Several issues will require Senate engagement in the next few months:

The Irvine Division remains vigilant and ready to work with the University leadership and the systemwide Senate to protect our values, quality of education, and our support of our students in a constantly changing political landscape. Many of the issues of consequence to the University are outlined in President Napolitano's January 2017 Newsletter: (<http://www.ucop.edu/president/public-engagement/letters-to-uc/jan-31-2017.html>).

A new policy setting a fixed limit for individual campuses' undergraduate non-resident enrollment is expected to be discussed at the Regent's March meeting. In its current iteration, the policy will limit nonresident enrollment to 20% with the possibility of a higher percentage for campuses that have already exceeded the limit. The Senate has expressed its opposition to this policy on several grounds, including its negative financial implications and the risk of creating formal Regental endorsement of tiering of the UC campuses.

In the next few months the senate will be working with the UCI administration in a collaborative effort initiated by the Office of the President entitled "UC Framework for Growth and Support." The project is an ambitious effort to envision the future of individual campuses and to assess the optimal size and shape of the University in the next 20+ years.

The Senate needs your active engagement and support in pursuing all these issues.

Please take the time to vote in the upcoming election. High faculty participation makes the Senate stronger and more effective.

- Maria Pantelia, Chair Elect

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Annual Academic Senate Election

The Academic Senate, Irvine Division Election opened on February 28, 2017, and will close on **March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

Please vote at: <http://senate.uci.edu/senate-election/>

If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact Thao Nguyen in the Academic Senate Office at (949) 824-5163 or thao.nguyen@uci.edu.

Winter 2017 Senate Business

Systemwide Review of Proposed Revisions to the APM and Senate Bylaws



Revised Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)

The proposed revised policy incorporates Regents Policy 3104: Principles Underlying the Determination of Fees for Students of Professional Degree Programs into a revision of Regents Policy 3103: Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition. The Graduate Council and the Council on Planning and Budget are now reviewing the UCI SSGPDP Guidelines.

Presidential Nondiscrimination Policy & APM 015

Academic Council has requested a review of the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy: Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Regarding Academic and Staff Employment and APM 015 (The Faculty Code of Conduct). These additional revisions are intended to align with amendments to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Review of Proposed Revisions to APM 015, APM 016, and SB 336

Following the Cabinet's review, Senate Chair Parker will advise the Office of the President of the concerns identified with the language about the three-year timeframe for initiating disciplinary action detailed in APM 015, III.A.3 and Bylaw 336, B.4 and the lack of a statute of limitations for reporting an alleged violation.

Review of Proposed Revisions to APM 278 and 210-6

The proposed revisions differentiated the Health Sciences Clinical Professor title from the Volunteer Clinical Professor title, identified responsibilities for faculty appointed to the Health Sciences Clinical Professor title, and strengthened and refined the review criteria for appointment and advancement.

Presidential Policy Business and Financial Bulletin (BFB)-G-28 Travel Regulations

The proposed revisions were designed to make the policy more "family friendly." The proposed policy allows reimbursement, in limited circumstances, for travel (including childcare) expenses for spouses, domestic partners, dependent-care providers, and depends of employees traveling on University business and candidates for employment at the University of California traveling to UC locations for recruitment purposes.

Senate Bylaw 182: University Committee on International Education (UCIE)

The proposed revisions broaden UCIE's purview in order to reflect the changing landscape of international university activities, and also to better align UCIE with campus-level international education committees.



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Winter 2017 Senate Business (continued)

Irvine Bylaws Approved

Irvine Bylaw 26, Membership

Irvine Bylaw 36, Student Participation on Committees

Endowed Chairs Approved

The Senate Cabinet approved the updated proposal for the **Chao Family Endowed Director's Chair in Cancer Research and Treatment**.

Graduate and Undergraduate Programs Under Review

Undergraduate:

- B.A. in Language Science

Self-Supporting Graduate Degree Programs:

- Master of Software Engineering from the School of Information and Computer Sciences
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing

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)

In addition to reviewing proposals for new graduate programs, the Council is currently working on revising the campus' **Mentoring Policy** and the **guidelines for the review of SSGDPs** in light of the review requirements detailed in the updated UCOP Policy. The Council is also working on generating **recommendations for modifications to the Senate's Student Grievance Policy**.

Additional items:

- Approved the discontinuance of the Master's Program in Biological Sciences and Educational Media Design (BSEMD)
- Approved a Proposal to Change the Name of the MS in ICS with a Concentration in Informatics to the Master of Science in Informatics

Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

Council on Educational Policy (CEP)

The Council on Educational Policy has reviewed the following items related to undergraduate education:

- Undergraduate issues to be addressed in the UCI Strategic Plan: 1) a pilot involving hybrid courses; 2) how to measure quality teaching for online courses and courses using technology heavily; 3) undergraduate student recruitment; 4) ways to change admin structure to encourage interdisciplinary teaching and research. The Council is reviewing and discussing these areas for the purpose of making implementation recommendations.
- The Council is nearing completion of the review of General Education categories IV (Arts and Humanities) and IV (Languages Other Than English).
- Endorsed a proposal from the Board on Undergraduate Scholarships and Financial Aid to increase the number of graduating seniors awarded Latin Honors from 12% to 16%.
- Reviewed a proposal for a B.A. in Language Science.
- Initiated the External Review of the School of Physical Sciences and Non Degree Seeking External Review of the UCI Summer Session.

Council on Faculty Welfare (CFW)

- The Council conducted a final review of the revisions to APM 278 and 210 and recommended that the duties in this series be more clearly defined and differentiated from the duties of Medical School appointees in other series.
- The Council conducted a final review of the revisions to the Presidential Policy Business and Financial Bulletin (BFB)-G-28 Travel Regulations. The Council found no issues with the proposed revisions to BFB-G-28, but recommended a few changes to the language of the policy.
- The Council held meetings and/or heard reports by:
 - The Supervisor of the UCI Reactor presented information and answered questions related to the security of the nuclear reactor.
 - The UCI Police Department Chief summarized crime statistics, gave an update on UCIPD programs, and discussed community policing with the Council. Several Council members pointed out that some groups of the UCI community (including students, faculty and staff, and University Hills residents) are not comfortable interacting with the police in general because of past discrimination (in the case of LGBT members and African American groups for example), events that took place recently in various parts of the United States, or police behavior in other countries. Council members suggested the creation of an independent commission to foster dialog between the UCI community and the UCIPD and highlighted some weaknesses of traditional solutions (such as town hall meetings) proposed by the UCIPD Chief.
- The Council is currently discussing the following topics: emeriti engagement strategies; Gottschalk Plaza and its capacity with physical therapy, urgent care, waitlists, and staffing; support for the UCI community regarding recent travel and visa restrictions; proposed changes to teaching evaluations; and information on University Hills issues including waitlists and home maintenance incentives.

Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)

The Council reviewed the following proposals:

Degree Programs:

- CPB endorsed the proposed discontinuance of the Master's Program in Biological Sciences and Educational Media Design in the Ayala School of Biological Sciences.
- CPB is in the process of reviewing the proposed B.A. in Language Science in the School of Social Sciences, the self-supporting Doctor of Nursing Practice in the Program in Nursing Science, and the self-supporting Master of Software Engineering in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences.

Issues/Policies:

- CPB is reviewing the divisional review process and guidelines for Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs.
- CPB is identifying actionable recommendations for the implementation of the UCI Strategic Plan.
- CPB reviewed the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy

Guests:

- Provost Lavernia's quarterly visit was held at the February 8, 2017 meeting.
- Vice Chancellor Meredith Michaels and Assistant Vice Chancellor Janet Mason presented on capital budget and planning at the January 24, 2017 meeting.
- Vice Chancellor Pramod Khargonekar presented a new overhead distribution model at the January 11, 2017 meeting.
- Vice Chancellor Meredith Michaels presented on the endowed chair policy at the January 11, 2017 meeting.

Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL)

Following its 2015-16 allocation model, CORCL continues to distribute its research funding to School's Research and Travel Committees to be awarded at the school level.

A CORCL Subcommittee is in the data collection phase of its evaluation of ORUs and Special Research Programs (SRPs).

The Council reviewed the proposed revisions of Bylaw 182: University Committee on International Education (UCIE), CORCL expressed reservations with the revisions as presented and is concerned with whether there will be sufficient resources and adequately skilled personnel to manage the expanded purview of UCIE.

Activities by Senate Councils (continued)

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

- The Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education provided updates on graduate student initiatives, programs, and services.
- Criteria and administrative processes for the Celebration of Teaching awards was discussed, and comments and recommendations were forwarded to the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning's Academic Executive Director.
- The Council compared the campus UCUES data for 2016 with the data from 2014, and discussed areas of concern and improvement.
- The UCI Dreamers Coordinator presented information on the future of DACA, different forms of immigration relief, and financial aid.
- The Council reviewed possible improvements to student evaluations of courses and instructors, and the Council plans on submitting a proposal to Cabinet in May.
- The Council is discussing updates and information from the Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research, the "Higher Ground" report generated by the Vice Provost for Academic Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and will continue to assist with nomination process and administration of the Celebration of Teaching Awards.

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 undergraduates, UCI enrollment trends, the challenges in maintaining/improving the current levels of success of UCI students as the size and diversity of the undergraduate student body increases, ways to encourage students to make UCI their first choice in college, and which groups to vigorously recruit in this effort. Most recently, the council received a presentation by the DREAMERS Coordinator Ana Miriam Barragan, in which the focus was understanding the terminology behind AB-540, CA Dream Act, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The Dreamers' Resource Office, under the Student Outreach and Retention (SOAR) Center, is dedicated to serving the AB540 and undocumented student population at the University of California Irvine through advocacy, guidance, and support. The programs and services are designed for students to achieve academic, personal, and professional excellence.

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CUARS reports that UCI surpassed 100,000 applications, with a total of 104,672 applications. This includes 85,053 freshman and 19,613 transfer students, placing the campus 3rd in position at the system-wide level for total freshman applications. Among Cal-Res freshman applicants, UCI is only 2nd in position to UCLA, and the gap has narrowed. This is the largest growth the campus has experienced across the system!

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

The upcoming **Divisional Senate Assembly** meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** in the Academic Senate Conference Room 338 (Aldrich Hall).

For more information please visit: <http://senate.uci.edu/divisional-senate-assembly-meetings-2016-17/>

We hope to see you there.

In Memoriam

At the January 26, 2017 Assembly meeting, the following In Memoriam were approved:

Boyd, Carolyn P. (1944-2015)	Bruce- Novoa, Juan D. (1944-2010)
Connolly, John E. (1923-2016)	Dubin, Robert (1916-2014)
Easton, David (1917-2014)	Friedenberg, Richard M. (1926-2016)
Friehe, Carl A. (1939-2011)	Froman, Lewis A. (1935-2014)
Garrison, Clayton (1921-2015)	Graham, James H. (1921-2012)
Indow, Tarrow (1923-2007)	Lave, Charles A. (1938-2008)
Milne, Eric (1929-2013)	Peltason, Jack W. (1923-2016)
Pirkle, Hubert (1924-2015)	Porter, Lyman W. (1930-2015)
Robinson, William E. (1962-2015)	Rose, Irwin A. (1926-2015)
Taagepera, Mare (1938-2013)	Weinstein, Gerald D. (1936-2015)
Werner, Christian (1935-2016)	

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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