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# Academic *Senate*

## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2012

As you can see from the attached reports, the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate has been busy this quarter. Proposed degree programs and schools have been reviewed, by-laws revised, and courses considered. Our Councils take the job of shared governance very seriously.

Please note upcoming votes requiring your attention and action. First, Academic Senate elections are currently being conducted; be sure and get your vote in by March 15.

Second, you will be receiving information on an Assembly request that Senate Faculty vote on a Memorial to the Regents. Note that this is different from the Memorial Resolution the Council on Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom discusses in their report in this newsletter. This is a systemwide vote. If adopted, The Memorial would ask the Regents to adopt a formal position in support of ballot measures and legislation that impact funding for public higher education. You will be receiving an email with more information and voting instructions the week of March 19.

I hope you will plan to attend *Truth Values: One Girl's Romp Through M.I.T.'s Male Math Maze* at 7pm on Thursday, April 26 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. The performance marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ADVANCE Program, and promises to be an entertaining and enlightening evening. More information is included in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful spring break.

Mary Gilly, Chair Elect  
Academic Senate, Irvine Division

## **ACADEMIC SENATE ELECTIONS**

Election season is upon us, and your participation is requested. In these challenging times your input is particularly important. Please take the time to vote.

The Senate election is being conducted electronically. You will now be able to log in and vote. To vote, you will need to log on to the ballot using your UCInetID and password at:

[www.senate.uci.edu/senatevote/](http://www.senate.uci.edu/senatevote/)

### **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The ballot can be accessed until 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on March 15, 2012.
2. Log on to the ballot using the above link, and then enter your UCInetID\* and password.
3. Vote for one candidate in each category and click submit.

The ballot includes links to the slate of nominees, which was originally distributed to you on February 1, 2012. The latter contains the candidates' statements and record of service.

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](mailto:thao.nguyen@uci.edu).

The election results provided to the Academic Senate Office will not contain information traceable to an individual or UCInetID. Irvine Bylaw 185(D) reads: "Candidates receiving the highest plurality of votes in accordance with the number of positions to be filled are elected." Election results will be announced via email correspondence by April 1, 2012. Service for elected individuals begins September 1, 2012.

All Senate members are bound by the Faculty Code of Conduct and the ethical principles embodied therein. There is an expectation that campaigning and public comments during the electoral process will be done in a collegial way with openness and fair opportunity for response.

\*If you are unsure of your UCInetID, you may call the Office of Information Technology helpline at (949) 824-2222. (Your UCInetID is usually the first part of your UCI email address.)

Thank you for your participation in the election!

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*Truth Values* comes to UCI, Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Irvine Barclay Theatre

UCI will host a west coast performance of *Truth Values: One Girl's Romp through M.I.T.'s Male Math Maze* at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. In this compelling one-woman show, Gioia de Cari dramatizes the experience of a female graduate student in the Mathematics Department at M.I.T. as she negotiates the politics of power and gender in the university. This presentation of *Truth Values* is made possible by the support of campus leaders who lead student affairs, our academic schools, divisions of graduate and undergraduate education, and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity. It will also mark the ten year anniversary of the National Science Foundation (NSF) ADVANCE Program. This national initiative represents an unprecedented commitment to advancing gender equity in higher education. Ten years ago, UCI was among the first cohort of national universities to be awarded an NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation award. Since then the campus has made steady gains in building and sustaining an inclusive culture for all faculty. For more information about UCI ADVANCE, visit <http://advance.uci.edu/>.

Please join the greater Irvine community for this stimulating evening of theater to raise awareness about gender equity. Tickets will go on sale on March 8th at the Irvine Barclay Theatre box office and on-line.

*Expect equity and support diversity.*

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## **NEWS FROM THE CABINET AND DIVISIONAL SENATE ASSEMBLY**

*Some notable completed actions by the Cabinet during fall quarter:*

*Systemwide Issues (<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/>)*

- *SR 610 Residency:* the Irvine Division Academic Senate reviewed the proposed changes to Senate Regulation 610, Residency and forwarded its comments to the Academic Council. The proposed revisions aimed to reduce ambiguities in the language.

*Campus Issues:*

- Proposal to Establish a Department of French, German and European Studies- At its meeting of December 6, 2011, the Senate Cabinet unanimously endorsed the proposal. There were no substantive curricular changes and an approval of new degree program was not part of the proposed actions. The Executive Vice



Chancellor approved the establishment of the new department on January 3, 2012.

- BS in Software Engineering (ICS)- The Irvine Divisional Assembly approved the proposal to establish the B.S. in Software Engineering in the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Science at its meeting of December 15, 2011.
- Modification of Ph.D. in Pharmacology & Toxicology- The Cabinet approved the modification on January 17, 2012. The proposal did not represent a new degree program, but was a modification of the Program's administrative organization and oversight. The Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty were added to the Ph.D. Program in Pharmacology & Toxicology.
- School of Education Proposal- The proposal was approved at the 2/7/12 Cabinet meeting and will be reviewed at the 3/15/12 Divisional Assembly meeting. An earlier proposal was reviewed in 2009, but was not approved based on budgetary considerations. At that time, Education's new Ph.D. program had also just been established. Since then, the Department of Education has successfully implemented its doctoral program and has been successful in their fundraising efforts. The 2008-2009 Academic Senate Program Review recommended that the Department be re-designated as a School. This action will not require additional faculty, staff personnel, or capital resources.
- Modification of CAP Bylaws 48 and 181- The Senate Cabinet and Assembly approved the request that CAP membership be expanded to include a faculty member from the School of Law. In addition, it was decided that an at-large member from the grouping of smaller units also be added. The most important factor in the decision was the principle that every tenured ladder rank member of the Senate should be eligible for service on CAP.

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## **NEWS FROM THE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

### **Council on Educational Policy (CEP)**

CEP is continuing its review of courses approved for General Education (GE) prior to Fall 2010. CEP completed the GE review of courses in Categories I and V in AY2010-2011. This year (AY2011-2012) the learning outcomes for General Education Categories VII and VIII are being reviewed to ensure that they comply with the clarified course level learning outcomes CEP's Assessment subcommittee is also reviewing GE VII and VIII but is focusing on assessing student learning outcomes of GE VII and VIII.

### **Council on Faculty Welfare , Diversity, and Academic Freedom (CFW)**

The Council on Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom (CFW) provides advice at both the UCI and UC levels on a number of issues important to the long term quality of the University. These issues include, but are not limited to, faculty salary, benefits, retirement plans, healthcare, child care, emeriti issues, parking and transportation, work place training, and UC/UCI policies that affect faculty welfare, diversity, and academic freedom. The Council sends representatives to the University Committee on Faculty

Welfare (UCFW), University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF), University Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity (UCAAD), and the Council on UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA).

UC issues for Winter 2012 included review of the UC Faculty Salaries Task Force Report. Campus issues during Winter Quarter included discussions about a request for unrestricted evening and weekend parking from graduate students, an issue on how to improve morale for Clinical Faculty in the College of Health Sciences/School of Medicine, and review of campus resources for administrators and faculty to address faculty mental health issues. CFW will also be sending faculty representatives to two new Administrative committees: the UCI Campus Climate Work Group and a UCI committee that will be developing implementation guidelines for the UC smoking ban that will go into effect in 2014.

As a reminder to all members of the Academic Senate, when active or retired members of the Academic Senate pass away, departments are expected to prepare a Memorial Resolution that will be published on the UC Academic Senate's In Memoriam website. Guidelines for submitting Memorial Resolutions are published on CFW's web page: [http://www.senate.uci.edu/Councils/CFW/WebInfoRe\\_InMemoriam.pdf](http://www.senate.uci.edu/Councils/CFW/WebInfoRe_InMemoriam.pdf)

Senate members are encouraged to forward issues related to faculty welfare, academic freedom, affirmative action and diversity, and emeriti affairs to the Council for review and discussion.

### **Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)**

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

- The proposed establishment of a School of Education by the Department of Education was endorsed by CPB. A similar proposal was not supported in 2009 due to a number of planning and budgetary issues. CPB found that most of these issues are solved and that the proposal is cost-neutral.
- The proposed Modification of the Graduate Degree Program in Pharmacology and Toxicology was endorsed by CPB. No new faculty and administrative resources are required to implement the proposal.
- The proposed Master of Arts in Accounting from the Paul Merage School of Business was endorsed by CPB. This degree will charge market-rate fees to cover the costs of the program to the unit and the campus, and to generate net revenue.
- The proposal to establish a joint M.A. degree program in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics that would be located in the School of Social Sciences and administered by the Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science raised a number of concerns. CPB has asked to review the revised proposal requested by the Graduate Council along with letters of support from the M.A. in Public Policy, the program in Demographic and Social Sciences, and the School of Law.

- The Chancellors Review of the 2011 Calit2 Academic Review Report was found to be lacking in information and documentation that would allow CPB to formulate meaningful recommendations to the campus and Calit2 program.
- The proposed John and Marilyn Long Chair in U.S. – China Institute for Business and Law was endorsed by CPB, contingent upon it being modified to clarify that the Chair need not be the Director.
- The Suzanne Dykema Endowed Chair in Pancreatic Cancer in the School of Medicine was endorsed by CPB, contingent on the Chair not being appointed until a plan for using the fund income during the time before the full endowment is received has been agreed upon.
- The Hana and Francisco Ayala Dean’s Chair in the School of Biological Sciences was endorsed by CPB.

At the systemwide level, CPB discussed the review of the UC Observatories and endorsed the general sense of comments made by UCORP.

As part of its charge of advising on matters of planning, budget, and resource allocations, the Council has continued its review of statistical information relating to budget trends.

Chair Molzon and Vice Chair Senear have continued as members of the Academic Planning Group that is considering recommendations for Academic Unit support in the face of another year of decreasing state support for the University.

**Council on Research, Computing and Libraries (CORCL)**

Last quarter, the Council reviewed 17 pre-proposals for establishing new Organized Research Units (ORU’s) on the campus. Based upon the Council’s rankings, a full proposal has been requested from four of the proposed Organized Research Units. Four other highly ranked proposals will be provided small seed funding to support their interdisciplinary research areas.

Applications to the 2011-12 Conference Support Program have been reviewed and selected by CORCL and the Office of Research (OR). Eleven applicants were awarded a total of \$30,000 in funding provided jointly by CORCL and OR.

During the winter quarter, CORCL reviewed the following proposals as follows:

- The Council supports the renewal of the Samuel Jordan for Persian Studies and Culture based on its research accomplishments.
- The Council supports the establishment of a School of Education as the Department of Education has already performing at the level of a school with an independent structure and reporting mechanism similar to other academic and professional schools within the university.

- The Council supports comments made by UCORP regarding the external review of the UC Observatories. However, it questions the large scale support by UCOP for a specific research field and the 80/20 positions at UCSC.
- The Council discussed the 2011 Calit2 Academic Review Report and considered the disparity in size between the UCI branch and the UCSD branch, the broader reach of the UCI branch while the UCSD branch is more focused on Engineering, the turnover of the UCI leadership, and the lack of educational activities offered by Calit2 in general.

### **Council on Student Experience (CSE)**

SE will be bringing to the Senate Cabinet and Assembly the final version of a proposal that will allow undergraduates to have online access to the numerical results of faculty teaching evaluations. We have met with the designers of this system (EEE) and have provided feedback on their mock-up. We are starting to have a discussion with CEP about improving these evaluations, based on the uses to which they are put: feedback to faculty, promotion and tenure decisions, and now feedback to students. We are still pursuing a pilot that will allow faculty to print pictures of the students on their rosters. Based on presentation of data by P/T at a CFW meeting (about the lack of demonstrated need for grad students to have additional parking on evenings and weekends), we are tabling further discussion of this topic. We have met with our campus representative from ROTC, and are soon meeting with a faculty representative to review a report on academic performance of athletes, and will soon meet with the Chief of UCI police. After a meeting between AGS and Chancellor Drake, CSE has been encouraged to begin rewriting the Academic Honesty policy (AGS was particularly concerned with applying the policies uniformly).

### **Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS)**

CUARS members reviewed two issues this quarter, the Comprehensive Review Guiding Principles for freshman and transfer applications and the revised BOARS Transfer Admissions Proposal. The Office of Admissions requested that CUARS review and approve the Freshman Comprehensive Review Guiding Principles and the Transfer Comprehensive Review Guiding Principles. The UCI campus did not have a set of guiding principles in place for transfer applications and the freshman document needed an update to address the change in ELC admits which had risen from 4% to 9%. After careful review CUARS made a minor edit to the Freshman Comprehensive Review Guiding Principles and voted to approve them and the transfer principles as amended.

A revised BOARS Transfer Admissions Proposal was submitted for comment. The revised proposal was inclusive of changes suggested by campuses systemwide. CUARS has since submitted the requested comments of the revision to the chair of BOARS. The UCI suggestions were considered to be compatible with the intent of the proposal and were used for the final update. The Systemwide Senate has now requested review by the divisional committees related to the proposed policy on transfer admissions. BOARS proposes to increase the emphasis on preparation in the intended major in applications



for transfer admission. The aim of the policy is to ensure transfer student success once they matriculate. The policy also formalizes two new pathways to preparation for transfer admission: Completion of a UC Transfer Curriculum (in the relevant major) and completion of an approved Associate Degree for Transfer (in the relevant major) as developed by the California community colleges. The proposal would require revisions to Senate Regulation 476C, which would have to be approved by the Academic Assembly. The complete proposal is posted on the Systemwide Senate website:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/underreview/BOARSTransferProposalwithAppendices.pdf>

If the proposal is accepted by all of the campuses then BOARS will put a final version of the changes in the wording of the Senate Regulations to the Academic Assembly in June.

### **Graduate Council (GC)**

The PhD in Nursing Science and the MS in Engineering Management have been approved by the Office of the President. Graduate Council is currently reviewing a proposal to establish a self-supporting Master of Arts in Accounting. As now recommended by CCGA, the Graduate Council is now managing the external review of this new graduate program in accounting, in an effort to expedite the overall review process. If this process is effective, the proposal will not require additional external reviews by the CCGA.

Graduate Council approved the elimination of one of the two previously required official transcripts for graduate admissions.

The review of the Donald Bren School of Information & Computer Sciences took place this quarter as part of the Senate's regular schedule for reviewing academic units and degree programs. The review, which addressed the baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree programs, is coordinated by the Senate's Academic Program Review Board (APRB), a sub-board of both the Graduate Council and the Council on Educational Policy.

Graduate Council has created new processes for establishing Concentrations, Emphases, and Specializations and for approval of Online Courses. The processes are posted on the Graduate Council's webpage: <http://www.senate.uci.edu/Councils/GC/index.asp>.