

Irvine Division of the Academic Senate  
Annual Report 2016-2017  
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## **Chair's Summary**

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate met 142 times to conduct Senate business, which included the endorsement of the proposal to develop a new School of Nursing, the review of 6 new undergraduate, graduate, and self-supporting and professional degree programs, 6 endowed chair proposals, review and approval of 7 modifications to Irvine bylaws and regulations, and the development of actionable recommendations for the implementation of UCI's Strategic Plan. At the systemwide level, the Irvine Division reviewed and commented on 11 proposed policy modifications including those resulting from the recommendations from the Joint Committee of the Administration and Academic Senate (Responding to Reports of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment), and was engaged in extensive discussions about the imposition of limits on undergraduate nonresident enrollments, undergraduate growth expectations and the 2:1 ratio of freshman to transfer students, and a proposed policy augmented review in undergraduate admissions. We highlight here a few of the major issues in which the Senate was engaged during the past year.

The Senate began Fall 2016 with a special meeting of the Divisional Senate Assembly to review and endorse the proposal to develop a new School of Nursing. During the fall, the Senate reviewed and endorsed a new 4+1 program in European Studies and a joint doctoral program in Computational Science. The Senate was actively involved in efforts to implement the campus requirements for Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence (SVSH) incidents, including the establishment of a peer review committee and planning to support the committee's ability to hear cases year-round. Finally, the Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL) distributed all its grant monies to the academic units, gathered data to assess the impact of these funds on faculty research productivity, and developed a proposal to strengthen faculty research support and productivity.

The Senate continued to review both undergraduate and graduate degree program proposals in the Winter, approved the establishment of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and the discontinuance of the Master's Program in Biological Sciences and Educational Media Design (BSEMD). In addition, the Senate was actively engaged in updating its bylaws and regulations to conform to Senate practices and procedures. In light of the newly approved Presidential Policy on Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDP) in Summer 2016, the Senate began a review of its current procedures for the development and establishment of new SSGPDPs and began to develop procedures for the initial academic and financial program review of existing SSGPDPs. The Senate convened an ad hoc committee to review and provide recommendation to ensure the Council on Academic Personnel's continued high-quality output as the size of the Irvine faculty grows. At the systemwide level, the Senate

was actively engaged in discussions about the policies and priorities of the federal administration and its implications for higher education, and the application of limits on undergraduate nonresident enrollments.

During the Spring Quarter, the Senate approved two new academic programs, a BA in Language Science, and a SSGPDP in Software Engineering. Senate Councils were actively engaged in discussions about the campus' strategic plan and provided actionable recommendations in response to a request from the Academic Planning Group. The Council on Faculty Welfare/Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience ad hoc committee presented a series of recommendations to enhance UCIPD-UCI community relations which were then forwarded to the administration for implementation. The Senate was engaged in numerous conversations about the UC budget and the enrollment growth expectations for the campuses as well as the new freshman to transfer ratio.



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### **List of Activities**

*The following summarizes Senate Cabinet and Divisional Senate Assembly activities and actions for 2016-2017, including the date(s) of the action. Please refer to the approved minutes and communications for details.*

#### **Academic Programs and Issues (Undergrad and Grad)**

- Endorsed the proposal to change the name of the Department of Planning, Policy, and Design to the Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy (12/6/16)
- Endorsed the proposal to establish a 4+1 B.A. and M.A. degree in European Thought and Culture (12/6/16)
- Endorsed the proposal to establish a Joint UCI-SDSU Doctoral Program in Computational Science (12/6/16)
- Endorsed the proposal to discontinue the Master's Program in Biological Sciences and Educational Media Design (BSEMD) (3/7/17)
- Endorsed the proposal to establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice (3/21/17)
- Approved the proposal to establish a B.A. degree in Language Science (6/1/17)
- Endorsed the proposal to establish a self-supporting Master's Degree in Software Engineering (6/20/17)

#### **Policy Review (Divisional and Systemwide policies, bylaws, regulations, etc.)**

- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed revision to APM 190-Retirement Contributions on Academic Appointee Summer Salaries (10/18/16)

- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the draft new Presidential Policy on International Activities (11/15/16)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of proposed revisions to APM 015, APM 016, and Senate Bylaw 336 (11/15/16)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 182: University Committee on International Education (12/20/16)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of Presidential Nondiscrimination Policy and APM 015 (1/17/17)
- Approved the proposal to update Irvine Bylaw 26, Membership (1/17/17) (1/26/17)
- Approved the proposal to update Irvine Bylaw 36, Student Participation on Committees (1/17/17) (1/26/17)
- Approved the proposal to modify Irvine Regulation 415, Honors at Graduation/Quarterly (Undergraduate (2/7/17) (6/1/17)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide second review of APM 278 and 210-6 (2/7/17)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 630.d (3/7/17)
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- Approved the proposal to update Irvine Bylaw 40, Faculties (3/7/17) (6/1/17)
- Approved the proposal to update Irvine Bylaw 158, Call for a Meeting (3/21/17) (6/1/17)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide second review of Senate Bylaw 336 (5/16/17)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls (5/16/17)
- Approved the proposal to update Irvine Regulation 600, 605, 607, and 611 (Assembly 6/1/17)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed revisions to APM 285, 210-3, 133-0-B, and 740 (6/20/17)
- Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Information Security (IS-3) (6/20/17)

#### **Faculty Welfare (any issues brought forward by CFW)**

- Endorsed the proposal to make UCI a sustaining member of the Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network (11/15/16)
- Endorsed recommendations to support the UCI Emeriti Association and emeriti engagement strategies (5/2/17)
- Endorsed forwarding recommendations for improving UCIPD-UCI Community Relations (6/6/17)

#### **Research (any issues brought forward by CORCL)**

- Endorsed a hybrid funding model to support faculty research (6/6/17)

#### **Budget and Planning**

- Endorsed the proposal to advance the Program in Nursing Science to the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing (9/20/16)

### **Endowed Chairs**

- Endorsed the establishment of the Chao Family Endowed Chair for Cancer Clinical Science (11/1/16)
- Endorsed the establishment of the Shri Parshvanath Presidential Endowed Chair in Jain Studies (11/1/16)
- Endorsed the establishment of the Chao Family Endowed Director's Chair in Cancer Research and Treatment (2/7/17)
- Endorsed the establishment of the Elahe Omidyar Mir-Djalali Presidential Chair in Art History and Archeology of Ancient Iran (6/6/17)
- Endorsed the establishment of the Microsemi Presidential Chair in Electrical Engineering (6/20/17)
- Endorsed the establishment of the Dhan Kaur Sahota Presidential Chair in Sikh Studies, Social Sciences (6/20/17)

### **Awards and Honors**

- An Ad Hoc Senate and Administration Committee proposed a series of recommendations to the Provost and Chancellor to elevate Senate Faculty Awards and recognition efforts.

### **Other Activities**

- Forwarded comments encouraging streamlining for efficiency and timeliness where possible following review of the UC Systemwide Five Year Perspectives Report (11/1/16)
- Initiated a review and discussion of the Guidelines for the Initial Review of Established Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs at UCI (4/18/17)
- Forwarded actionable recommendations to the Academic Planning Group for the Implementation of the UCI Strategic Plan (5/2/17 and 5/16/17)
- Initiated a review and discussion of the Guidelines for the Development and Review of Self Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs at UCI (5/16/17)