

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
ANNUAL REPORT
2018-2019**

To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Committee on Committees (COC) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2018-19 academic year.

COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

COC is charged with nominating members for election to elected committees and offices, and appointing members of other standing and special committees of the Division.

Professor Veronica Vieira, Heath Sciences (Public Health), chaired the Committee in 2018-19 and served as the representative to the University Committee on Committees.

COC met 11 times during the academic year and, in addition, conducted substantial business via e-mail correspondence. COC activities included the following:

I. Committee Interest Survey

COC conducted its annual Committee Interest Survey of the Senate faculty and compiled the results for use in identifying candidates for elected and appointed committees. The survey is available on the Academic Senate website for faculty members to indicate their interest in serving in the Senate. During the time when the survey was open, 222 faculty members, representing 9% of the faculty, including emeriti, completed the survey.

II. Elected Positions

Members recruited candidates who agreed to be nominated for the 12 openings on the 2019-20 election slate. In addition, COC will be conducting a special election in September 2019 to fill an elected position.

III. Appointed Positions

Members filled 60 out of 62 vacancies on appointed committees for academic year 2019-20.

IV. Current Vacancies

COC filled 19 vacancies created when committee members vacated their terms early or went on leave during 2018-19. COC filled 6 vacancies for members who informed the Senate they would be resigning or going on leave during 2019-20.

V. Reserve Council on Academic Personnel

Based on the schools of the former CAP members scheduled for review this academic year, COC members approved six faculty for appointment to the Reserve Council on Academic Personnel. Since it has been agreed upon that it is appropriate for COC to know only the name of the school of the former CAP member scheduled for review, COC leaves it to the CAP Analyst to contact the appropriate approved appointee, establish availability, and avoid any potential conflicts.



VI. Nominations for Review and Search Committees

COC was asked to nominate Academic Senate members for 39 review and search committees:

- A. Committee on Student International Activities (8/27/2018)
- B. UC MEXUS Director Search Committee (9/18/2018)
- C. Stewardship Review of UC Los Angeles and UC San Francisco Chancellors (9/18/2018)
- D. Systemwide University Editorial Committee - History (9/17/2018)
- E. Systemwide University Editorial Committee - Art History (9/17/2018)
- F. Systemwide University Editorial Committee - Sociology (9/17/2018)
- G. UCOP Reorganization Consultation Process (9/21/2018)
- H. Formal Investigation Committee (9/21/2018)
- I. UC Santa Cruz Chancellor Search Advisory Committee (9/24/2018)
- J. Ad Hoc Review Committee for Administrative Review of Dean Eric Spangenberg (9/28/2018)
- K. UC Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement Academic Advisory Board (10/19/2018)
- L. UC Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Advisory Board (development area) (10/19/2018)
- M. UC Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Advisory Board (utilizing area) (10/19/2018)
- N. UC Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Advisory Board (use in class area) (10/19/2018)
- O. UC Washington Center (UCDC) Governing Council (10/19/2018)
- P. School of Physical Sciences Dean Advisory Search Committee (10/30/2018)
- Q. Working Group to Review APM 010 and APM 015 (11/1/2018)
- R. Governing Council of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (UC ANR) (12/19/2018)
- S. Academic Council Chairs Award for Mid-Career Leadership (12/19/2018)
- T. Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate Division Advisory Search Committee (1/22/2019)
- U. Knowledge Transfer Advisory Committee (1/25/2019)
- V. Cultural Repatriation Advisory Workgroup (1/29/2019)
- W. Systemwide University Editorial Committee - Anthropology (2/14/2019)
- X. Systemwide University Editorial Committee - Asian Studies (2/14/2019)
- Y. Systemwide University Editorial Committee - Sociology (2/14/2019)
- Z. Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) (Academic Administration) (3/6/2019)
- AA. Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) (Biostatistics) (3/6/2019)
- BB. Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) (Biochemistry/Molecular Biology) (3/6/2019)
- CC. Student Data Warehouse Committee (3/22/2019)
- DD. UC Presidential Chair Selection Committee (3/25/2019)
- EE. Ad Hoc Task Force on Teaching Evaluations (3/26/2019)
- FF. Systemwide Sustainability Steering Committee (4/10/2019)
- GG. Ad Hoc Committee on Fossil Fuel Divestment (Pro) (4/17/2019)
- HH. Ad Hoc Committee on Fossil Fuel Divestment (Con) (4/17/2019)
- II. Academic Council Special Committee on Lab Issues (ACSCOLI) (4/18/2019)
- JJ. Scientific Review Panel (SRP) on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) (Biochemistry/Molecular Biology) (4/23/2019)
- KK. UC Merced Chancellor Search Advisory Committee (6/4/2019)
- LL. UC Herbicides Task Force (6/4/2019)
- MM. School of Business Dean Advisory Search Committee (7/16/2019)

VII. Revisions to Bylaw 35: Committees

The process to revise this bylaw was initiated by COC during the 2017-18 academic year. The modifications describe the eligibility of faculty with administrative titles to serve on Senate committees/councils/boards. The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposed modifications at its December 6, 2018 meeting.

VIII. Revisions to Bylaw 60: Committees, Committees on

The modifications give the COC the authority to remove members from Senate Committees. Previously, members could only be removed by the Divisional Senate Assembly as stipulated in Bylaw 155. Reasons for removal may include, but are not limited to, holding an administrative title as defined in Bylaw 35 (F) of the Manual of the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate, lack of participation or poor attendance, and conflicts of interest not previously known to the committee. The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposed modifications at its May 2, 2019 meeting.

IX. Vetting and Solicitation Language

COC implemented a vetting process for prospective candidates identified for the Academic Senate's Committee on Privilege & Tenure, Committee on Committees, Council on Academic Personnel, and Senate Chair Elect. Since these particular committees and roles either deal with sensitive personnel issues and actions or broadly represent the faculty, the list of candidate names will be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel prior to their final selection. The intent is to determine whether prospective candidates have conflicts or other issues that may be known to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel, but not to the Committee on Committees.

If the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel feels that any particular individual may not be qualified, the reasoning will be shared, subject to the principles of confidentiality, with the Chair of the Committee on Committees and the Divisional Senate Chair, and at their discretion, will be relayed to the full Committee on Committees. As these Senate positions are filled according to Senate bylaws, the final authority for selection or rejection of these individuals to be placed on the slate will continue to rest with the Committee on Committees.

Additionally, COC created solicitation language that would be communicated to the potential candidates informing them of the vetting process that will take place, should they agree to serve.

X. Council on Equity and Inclusion

COC appointed eight members to the newly established Council on Equity and Inclusion in February. The Council requested that COC appoint additional members so that all academic units had representation on the Council. COC appointed two additional members from the unrepresented academic units, and will appoint the remaining members in the upcoming academic year.

XI. Committee Membership

Senate Members (voting):

Veronica Vieira, Health Sciences, Chair & UCOC Representative

Darryl Taylor, Arts

Rahul Warrior, Biological Sciences

Alladi Venkatesh, Business

Sandi Simpkins-Chaput, Education

Nancy Da Silva, Engineering

Catherine Liu, Humanities

Elaheh Bozorgzadeh, ICS

Dan Burk, Law

Kyoko Yokomori, Medicine – Basic Science
Charles Limoli, Medicine – Clinical Science
Craig Martens, Physical Sciences
George Tita, Social Ecology
Carole Uhlaner, Social Sciences

Ex Officio (non-voting):

Linda Cohen, Chair, Academic Senate

Committee Analysts:

Christine Aguilar, COC Analyst
Kate Brigman, Executive Director