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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE CHAIR ELECT

The winter quarter in the Academic Senate has been largely dedicated to works-in-progress. Among these, members of our new Council on Equity and Inclusion have been appointed and the committee should soon be hard at work at, among other things, promoting UCI's overarching goal of diversifying the faculty and creating a more inclusive climate.

At the systemwide level, a team of negotiators, including significant Academic Senate representation, has failed to reach an agreement with the journal publisher Elsevier. The agreement sought would have facilitated open access to the research undertaken at UCI and throughout the University of California. As we await next steps, the Academic Senate remains a committed partner with the Libraries and other university stakeholders in reimagining and restructuring academic publishing for the better. Details on these negotiations follow, and please do take the time to read about other recent Senate business.

SYSTEMWIDE BUSINESS

Systemwide Issues/Updates

Outcome of UC Negotiations with Elsevier

While the University made progress in negotiations, particularly over the past few weeks, toward defining a model for open access publishing of UC research, Elsevier was ultimately unwilling to meet UC's key goal: securing universal open access to UC research, as stated in the faculty driven [principles on scholarly communication](#), while integrating open access publishing fees and subscription fees into a single cost-controlled contract. As a result, [UC has announced that it will not be signing a new contract with Elsevier at this time](#). While we do not know exactly when, Elsevier is expected to begin limiting UC's access to new articles through its online platform, ScienceDirect, possibly very soon. This will mean some changes to how UC scholars access certain Elsevier journal articles.

The Academic Senate also expressed its support for UC's position with regard to the Elsevier negotiations:

https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/academic-council-statement-elsevier-feb28.pdf.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or need help accessing an article, please don't hesitate to email John Renaud, Associate University Librarian for Research Resources, at jrenaud@uci.edu.

Irvine Review of Proposed Revisions to the APM, Bylaws, Regulations and Appendices

REVIEWED AT SENATE CABINET LEVEL:

- **Forwarded comments as part of the Systemwide review of the Presidential Task Force recommendations on University Policing** (Cabinet - 1/10/19) <https://sp.ucop.edu/sites/ecas/UCPDTF/default.aspx>
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CFW
- **Forwarded comments as part of the Systemwide review of the proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations** (Cabinet - 2/19/19) <https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/academic-personnel-policy/policies-under-review/pres-policy-openaccess-thesesanddiss.html> (Only available until 4/10/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by GC and CORCL
- **Endorsed and forwarded comments as part of the Systemwide review of proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336** (Cabinet - 3/5/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CPT and CFW
- **Forwarded comments as part of the Systemwide review of the SVSH Investigation and Adjudication Framework Revisions** (Cabinet - 3/5/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CPT and CFW

IRVINE DIVISION BUSINESS

Divisional Issues/Updates

Federally-Funded Research

The Divisional Senate Assembly welcomed Pramod Khargonekar, the Vice Chancellor for Research, to provide an update on federally-funded research. Vice Chancellor Khargonekar reported that UCI has been progressing towards the goals outlined in the campus strategic plan in its awards, grants, and research expenditures. He also reported that UCI joined several research universities and nonprofit organizations in September 2018 in signing a letter to Congressional leaders to express collective opposition to restrictions that would further impede the use of federal funding for fetal tissue research.

Student Information System Project

The Divisional Senate Assembly welcomed Associate Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor Jeff Lefkoff to provide an update on the status of the Student Information System project. The campus has paused its contract with Ellucian and is determining how best to proceed. In the meantime, work is proceeding within several units on software improvements in the student experience with admissions, financial aid, billing, and records.

IRVINE DIVISION BUSINESS

Review of Irvine Division Bylaws, Regulations and Appendices

APPROVED AT THE MARCH 14, 2019 ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Bylaw 40. Faculties

Although Bylaw 40 was just recently modified at the December 6, 2018 Divisional Senate Assembly meeting, the additional modifications are needed to clarify the parameters around Faculties' authority in determining their own bylaws, regulations, and government. (Cabinet - 2/19/19)

Bylaw 125. Rules and Jurisdiction, Committee on

Although Bylaw 125 was just recently modified at the December 6, 2018 Divisional Senate Assembly meeting, the additional modifications are needed to clarify the Senate's practice for reviewing Faculties' bylaws. The proposed modifications align Bylaw 125 with current practice. (Cabinet - 2/19/19)

Endowed Chairs

ENDORSED BY SENATE CABINET:

(Reviewed at the Council level by CPB)

- **Amendment to the Henry Samueli Endowed Chair #4– Director of the Center for Engineering Science in Design** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
- **Amendment to the Henry Samueli “von Karman” Chair in Aerospace Engineering** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
- **Proposal to establish a Suzanne and Ralph Stern Endowed Chair in the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, School of Medicine** (Cabinet - 2/5/19)
- **Proposal to establish an endowed chair in the UCI Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders, School of Medicine** (Cabinet - 2/5/19)

Degree Programs

- **Endorsed the proposal to establish a Master of Data Science** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by GC and CPB
- **Approved the proposal to change the name of the Master of Laws in American Law (LL.M.) to the Master of Laws** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by GC
- **Approved the proposal to change the name of the M.A. and Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Literature to the M.A. and Ph.D. in East Asian Studies** (Cabinet - 2/5/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by GC

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- **Approved the proposal to change the name of the Ph.D. in Planning, Policy, and Design to the Ph.D. in Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy** (Cabinet - 3/5/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by GC

Other

- **Approved the proposal to change the name of the Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) to the Campuswide Honors Collegium** (Assembly - 1/31/19) (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CEP
- **Endorsed the principle of reviewing and modifying Senate Regulation 735, Certificate of Completion of Graduate Curriculum, and forwarded it to CCGA** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by GC
- **Endorsed the slate for elected Senate positions** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
- **Forwarded concerns to the administration regarding the eSports program** (Cabinet - 1/22/19)
- **Endorsed the proposed Graduate Program Modifications policy with suggested changes raised in meeting** (Cabinet - 3/5/19)

ACTIVITIES BY SENATE COUNCILS

Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)

CAP Winter 2019 Business

The Council on Academic Personnel meets on a weekly basis beginning in the winter quarter and reviews a full agenda of personnel cases at each meeting. CAP continues to work closely with the Office of Academic Personnel (AP) to communicate pertinent information about the review process to deans, chairs, faculty and academic personnel administrators. Communications that invite the campus community to information sessions or special events to discuss personnel initiatives are sent by the Office of Academic Personnel. Please consult the events calendar on the AP website to keep apprised of future sessions, including those with CAP participation (<http://ap.uci.edu/eventsc/>).

Council on Educational Policy (CEP)

Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award (ITSA)

CEP has received a number of applications for the Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award (ITSA), which provides up to \$15,000 to awarded proposals. CEP will announce the results of the review of ITSA proposals shortly.

External Writing Review

CEP is gearing up for its 2019 External Writing Review of Undergraduate Writing. The external reviewers will attend a site visit to interview instructors, students, and administrators connected to lower division and upper division writing on April 22 and 23, 2019. If you have any comments or questions about the review, please contact Michelle AuCoin (maucoin@uci.edu).

CEP's Policy and Assessment Subcommittee is in the process of revising a General Education (GE) Assessment survey which will be sent out to all instructors teaching GE courses each fall, winter, and spring quarter. The survey has been revised in order to simplify and reduce the amount of time it takes instructors to fill out the survey. The survey is scheduled to be implemented sometime during the 2019-20 academic year.

Upcoming Issues

CEP will conduct a review of three proposals from the Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The proposals include a request for the program to become a School.

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

NSTP Phase Two

In fall 2018, members expressed concern that the NSTP Phase Two should be a larger issue. At its meeting on February 12, 2019, Jean Chin, Director, Academic Personnel, and Jennifer Ramirez, Senior Compensation Analyst, Academic Personnel presented additional information on the Working Group recommendations and data collection.

Environmental Health and Safety Issues

At its January 8, 2019 meeting, members expressed concern regarding asbestos abatement, risk, and monitoring on campus, particularly in Rowland Hall.

Brian Pratt, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Campus Architect, DFA, Marc Gomez, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S), Susan Robb, Industrial Hygienist, EH&S, Dick Sun, Associate Deputy Director (EH&S), Karl Wolonsky, Associate Vice Chancellor, Environmental and Facilities Services, and Renee Mihalovich, Sr. Administrative Operations Supervisor, DFA, presented information on safety procedures, monitoring, and communication to faculty regarding these issues.

Members remained concerned about procedures and followed up with a memo to the Senate Chair detailing recommendations for: seven-day per week monitoring of asbestos in work areas but also in other areas potentially affected by the work, with data made publicly available as soon as it is analyzed, posting of clear procedures for response in cases of problematic data or possible emergencies indicating actions by all occupants in the building, and 24/7 contact information for individuals with project oversight.

ADA Compliance and Accessibility

At its meeting on 11/13/2018, the Council was presented with updates regarding ADA compliance and accessibility on campus. Members expressed concern regarding the current state of compliance, funding for updating accessibility, and timelines for action and completion. At its meeting on 12/11/2018, the Council discussed possible actions and the CFW Subcommittee on Affirmative Action and Diversity was assigned to draft concerns and recommendations.

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Members reviewed a memo to the Senate Chair detailing recommendations for: ensuring that programs, services, and opportunities offered by the University are accessible to individuals with various types of disabilities; centralizing policies, procedures, and practices regarding physical and programmatic access; systematically assessing UCI's compliance with the ADA (and other disability-related legal mandates, such as the Family and Medical Leave Act [FMLA] and ensuring that the University continue efforts to address any shortcomings; and developing a campus-wide educational campaign to increase awareness of the university's ADA compliance responsibilities and its commitment to the inclusion of people with disabilities as part of its mission of inclusive excellence.

Upcoming Issues

CFW will discuss UCI CARE, Retirement Counseling, and UCI Guidance Concerning Disruption of University Activities.

Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)

Establishment and Amendments of Endowed Chairs

CPB reviewed a number of proposals to establish or amend several endowed chairs including the Henry Samueli Chairs in Engineering, UCI MIND Endowed Chair in Alzheimer's Research, Ralph and Sue Stern Endowed Chair in Genitourinary Medical Oncology, and the Kure It Cancer Endowed Chair in Genitourinary Oncology Research. CPB expressed concerns about the portion of endowments directed towards base salary and recommended that a minimum amount of the payout should be used for discretionary funds in order to truly fulfill the purpose of supporting teaching and research activities.

Upcoming Issues

CPB is in the process of reviewing the online B.A. in Business Administration.

Degree Programs

- Master of Software Engineering - Part-Time option
- Ph.D. in Global Studies
- Master of English



Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL)

Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

CORCL considered the Systemwide policy on open access for theses and dissertations. The proposed policy requires graduate students submitting a thesis or dissertation on each UC campus to submit their work to the California Digital Library, effectively making it publicly available. Authors have the option to embargo upon request. CORCL recommended that measures be taken to ensure that the process for requesting an embargo be easy, clear, and explicit. CORCL noted that local implementation of the policy could be shaped in a way that best suits campus needs.

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Reviews for ORU and Renewal of Campus Centers

CORCL considered the sunset review for the Center for Embedded & Cyber Physical Systems (CECS) and the renewal of the Water-Energy Nexus (WEX) Center. CORCL endorsed continued support for CECS. With respect to WEX, CORCL supported renewal and provided recommendations on improvement including the addition of a technical director and administrative staff and recruitment of members to the external advisory board with diverse backgrounds.

Upcoming Issues

CORCL will discuss whether the campus should endorse the [Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest](#). This refers to the global initiative that seeks large-scale implementation of free online access to largely unrestricted use and re-use of scholarly research articles.

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

Academic Integrity Review Board

In fall 2016, the campus implemented a new Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures. It was decided that Student Affairs would take on administration of academic integrity cases and sanctions with a new Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct (OAISC). A new Senate Board was created for faculty to hear student appeals to OAISC decisions and to discuss any academic integrity issues on campus and implementation of the new policy and procedures. At its meeting on January 7, 2019, Terry Dalton, Chair of the Academic Integrity Review Board, presented current issues and trends including the reporting process and outreach to faculty regarding the new policy.

COMPASS Project and Data Reports

At its meeting on January 7, 2019, Ray Vadnais, Sr. User Experience Architect, OIT, and Michael Dennin, Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning, presented updates about the COMPASS project, particularly its expansion to provide data to instructors that will include demographics, a breakdown of majors, and insight into student academic backgrounds. Future reports will provide insight into course grades.

Proposal to Establish an Online B.A. in Business Administration

At its meeting on January 7, 2019, the Council reviewed the Proposal to Establish an Online B.A. in Business Administration.

Following a presentation from the Business School, the Cabinet voted on November 20, 2018, that the planned online delivery of the B.A. in Business Administration for transfer students be considered a new program, distinct from the approved on-campus B.A. in Business Administration. The Senate is in discussion with UCOP and campus leadership about the role of the Senate in this review, particularly that it will be viewed as a “first of its kind” program that will trigger further systemwide reviews.

Members expressed concern regarding student fees and access to services for students in the program, as well as whether these students would feel sufficiently a part of the Business School and the greater UCI community. There was also concern whether students in this program would be allowed to take in-person courses, and whether on-campus students would pursue courses within the online program.

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Members agreed that, because of the uniqueness of this program, there should be a detailed plan for evaluation and assessment that is put in place at this stage of the program's development, the results of which would document the first three years of its operation.

Student Course Feedback Data Ownership and Oversight Procedures

At its meeting on January 7, 2019, the Council reviewed Student Course Feedback Data Ownership and Oversight Procedures. On January 25, the Teaching Subcommittee provided detailed recommendations including: protocols and procedures for the creation of data management, training, and compliance, will be developed by the OVPTL; CTLSE has the right to approve, amend, reject, or replace policies and procedures developed by the OVPTL; privacy should be a primary factor in approval of data and research; the OVPTL is expected to provide an annual report to CTLSE regarding the use of any and all data gathered.

Celebration of Teaching Awards

At its meeting on January 7, 2019, Andrea Aebersold, Program Director for Faculty Development, OVPTL, presented and shared that the nomination process has undergone some changes for this year. It will be simplified and open to students to submit nominations as well. It was suggested that a representative from CTLSE be part of the review, and not the entire Council.

Student Course Feedback Update

At its meeting on February 4, 2019, Gary Coyne, Principal Research Analyst, Center for Assessment and Applied Research and Ray Vadnais, Senior User Experience Architect, OIT presented information on the fall 2018 pilot of the new teaching evaluation form. The Council reviewed updates on implementation on the recommendations to the new Student Course Feedback process.

Evaluations were collected from 5,373 students in 35 courses. Each student filled out either the Campuswide Teaching Evaluation Form (CTEF) or the Student Course Feedback Form (SCF). Students tended to use the highest ratings available when asked about instructor behaviors in closed-ended questions. Instructors who participated in the pilot generally saw no real difference between the forms although, where they did, they tended to favor the SCF.

Upcoming Issues

CTLSE will discuss Transfer Students, Student Course Feedback Pilot Updates, and UCI Guidance Concerning Disruption of University Activities.

Graduate Council (GC)

Graduate Education

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs). Existing graduate programs were required to develop and provide program learning outcomes a few years ago, and Graduate Council determined that the PLOs would be integral components of academic program reviews going forward. However, due to an oversight, PLOs were not solicited for new programs as part of their proposals. Therefore, a new section on PLOs is now required for all new graduate degree program proposals.

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UCI Guidelines for the Development of New Self-Supporting and Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs). Graduate Council recommended that program modifications to SSGPDPs with planning and budgetary implications require further review by the Budget Office, CPB, and the Cabinet. Potential impact on undergraduate programs in schools with substantial SSGPDP enrollments should be monitored by CEP and CUARS.

Policy on Graduate Program Modifications. Graduate Council developed a new policy on program modifications for new and continuing graduate programs. The policy has been endorsed by the Cabinet and will be distributed to schools.

Academic Disqualification Policy. Following revisions in fall 2018, Graduate Council made further clarifications to the Academic Disqualification Policy regarding the lapse of student status while the disqualification is under appeal.

Senate Regulations 735. Certificate of Completion of Graduate Curriculum. SR 735 is a systemwide regulation governing academic certificates issued by each Graduate Division under the signatures of the Dean of the Graduate Division, School Dean, Chancellor, and President. The Paul Merage School of Business presented a proposal that would provide greater flexibility for future certificates. Graduate Council recognizes the need for a comprehensive review and update of SR 735. This request for review has been endorsed by the Cabinet and presented to the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) for consideration.

English Proficiency Requirements for Admissions and TAs. Graduate Council is currently researching and reviewing this issue. No systemwide policy exists, and requirements and practices are uneven across UC campuses.

Graduate Degree Program Name Changes

- PhD in Planning, Policy, and Design to PhD in Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy, School of Social Ecology

New Graduate Concentrations/Emphases/Specializations

- Concentration in Clinical Psychology, School of Social Ecology

New Graduate Degree Programs

- Addition of a MS to the existing PhD in Public Health, Program in Public Health
- Conversion of the Master of English to SSGPDP status, School of Humanities

Council on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations with Schools (CUARS)

Online B.A. in Business Administration

The Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS) continues to discuss issues related to the admission of undergraduates. In particular, the Council considered a proposal to establish an online B.A. in Business Administration which is targeted towards transfer students that are unable to come to campus. CUARS encouraged additional deliberation on the mechanisms that may be used to recruit the target population.

UC Transfer Guarantee Proposal

Last year a joint agreement was made between the UC and California Community Colleges to work on an effort to guarantee admission for all qualifying transfer students. The Council recently reviewed the proposal to enact these changes that will go into effect in fall 2019.

Upcoming Issues

Currently, the Council is working with the Office of Admissions on an evaluation of the Freshmen Comprehensive Review Process to investigate whether student preparation for their chosen major could be assessed while still ensuring that we meet campus goals of academic excellence, diversity, and equity. CUARS will also discuss the evaluation of English proficiency as it relates to admissions requirements.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Academic Senate Election Results

The results of the 2019 Academic Senate Annual Election are available online at the following link: <http://senate.uci.edu/senate-election/>.

Thank you to all the candidates and to everyone who voted in this year's election.

2019 Academic Senate Faculty Awards – Call for Nominations

The UCI Academic Senate's Committee on Scholarly Honors and Awards (SH&A) invites you to nominate colleagues who, in your opinion, have achieved excellence and are conveying high distinction to UCI through their research, teaching, mentorship or service to the University and community.

Nominations are due Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:00pm PST and should be submitted at: <https://dms.senate.uci.edu/~awards/>.

If you have any questions regarding the submission process, please contact Christine Aguilar at cmaguil1@uci.edu or (949) 824-7458. More information regarding the [call for nominations](#) and awards can be found <http://senate.uci.edu/distinguished-faculty-awards/>.

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Your comments are welcome: senate@uci.edu

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