

**Irvine Division of the Academic Senate
Annual Report 2021-22**

Chair's Summary

More than two years since the pandemic began, COVID-19 continues to affect instructional planning. Thanks to our faculty's flexibility and willingness to offer both in-person and remote classes or to switch from one to the other as circumstances changed, UCI managed to provide increased in-person interactions despite the outbreak of new variants.

The Senate continued to carry out its efforts to strengthen our community. I invited faculty to attend two coffee/tea hours to meet with colleagues and share concerns. I also held two office hours for Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) Chairs from all schools to share emerging issues and best practices with one another and the Senate. We found such opportunities beneficial and plan to establish regular meetings between the Senate leadership and FEC Chairs in AY 2022-23.

I want to thank all faculty who contributed to Senate service this year. Their hard work is reflected in the achievements of Senate councils and committees. You will read the details of all their accomplishments in the present report, but I want to highlight a few here.

The Senate approved a pre-proposal to establish the School of Population and Public Health in the College of Health Sciences. The pre-proposal and Chancellor Gillman's and Provost Stern's endorsements were sent to the systemwide Senate and system-level Administration for review. The establishment of a new school involves a two-step process: a pre-proposal and a full proposal. After receiving comments on the pre-proposal from the UC system, the campus will prepare a full proposal.

In response to Chancellor Gillman's direction, Principal Campus Counsel Kyhm Penfil and the Executive Director of UC's National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, Michelle Deutchman, developed resources to help faculty and other academics who are targeted online for exercising their free speech or academic freedom rights. The Senate Cabinet provided extensive feedback on the resources.

Both our division and the systemwide Senates deliberated on online education this year. Deliberations included measures ensuring instructional continuity, as well as exploring online instruction as part of UC education. Because of COVID-19 restrictions for in-person courses, the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) approved a policy allowing existing in-person courses to be offered in a remote or hybrid mode in Spring 2021. As the policy expired at the end of Winter 2022, both CEP and Graduate Council approved a process for units to request a teaching disability exemption, allowing our colleagues with short-term and unexpected disabilities to offer courses remotely without online course designation. CEP extensively deliberated on UCI's hybrid/online-learning policy, including a threshold option that allows a course currently designated as in-person to offer a certain percentage of instructional hours completed through online activities. CEP will continue to work on developing a policy that will provide both flexibility for instructors and the best educational value to our students.

Climate change has received a lot of attention from our divisional and systemwide Academic

Senates. Our divisional Senate convened a task force on climate change last October. The task force organized a successful conference on Reimagining UCI in a Climate Changed World in April and collected data to help develop UCI climate research and teaching network directories. We shared the task force report summarizing the conference participants' discussions and offered their recommendations to Chancellor Gillman and Provost Stern for their consideration in developing campus initiatives. The systemwide Academic Senate aimed to take immediate action to battle climate change and its impacts. It proposed a Memorial that "The University of California Academic Senate petitions the Regents for investments in UC's infrastructure that will reduce on-campus fossil fuel combustion by 60% of current levels by 2030 and by 95% of current levels by 2035." The proposed Memorial was approved by the Systemwide Assembly and received a majority of support from faculty across the system in the spring.

This year, the Senate collaborated with the Administration to constitute three Academic Planning Group (APG) workgroups: Reimagining Research and Creative Activity at UCI in a Post COVID-19 World, Addressing Undergraduate Outcome Gaps, and Reimagining Graduate Education (Phase II). Provost Stern charged these workgroups to address specific issues and make recommendations based on their deliberations. We look forward to next steps as the Provost reviews their reports and recommendations.

The partnership between the Academic Senate and Administration has remained excellent over the last year. The Senate appreciates the Administration's commitment to shared governance and leadership's support for helping faculty recover from disruptions to their research and creative activities caused by the pandemic. This year, 95 out of 123 applications across 11 schools were funded in the amount of \$1,099,558 as part of the Interim COVID-19 Research Recovery Program. Provost Stern convened a campus budget workgroup to assist in developing a multi-year plan to resolve the projected structural budget deficit. Three faculty members, including Senate Chair-elect Georg Striedter, served on the workgroup. Because of its importance and the steep learning curve for the Senate Chair-elect, Provost Stern has agreed to have both the Senate Chair and Chair-elect serve on the workgroup for continuity starting this fall.

As we look to the 2022-23 academic year, the Senate will continue to work with the Provost's office to prepare for fall instruction in light of the surge of monkeypox and subvariants of Omicron. If the past is any indicator, we can be confident that UCI faculty will rise to the occasion no matter what the future holds.

Cabinet and Assembly Activities

Undergraduate Programs

- Reviewed and returned for revision a proposal for an online B.A. in Business Administration for transfer students from the Paul Merage School of Business

Graduate Programs

- Reviewed and returned for revision a proposal for a Master of Laws in Taxation program, a Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Program (SSGPDP), from the School of Law

Establishment, Transfer, Consolidation, and Disestablishment of Departments

No department actions were proposed during AY 2021-22.

Establishment of Schools

- Approved a pre-proposal to establish a School of Population and Public Health (5/17/22) (6/2/22)

Endowed Chairs

- Endorsed the Gilly Family Endowed Chair in Marketing (11/16/21)
- Endorsed the Stacey Nicholas Endowed Chair in Environmental Education (4/19/22)
- Endorsed an amendment to the Stacey Nicholas Endowed Chair for Diversity in Engineering (4/19/22)
- Endorsed the Samuelli Endowed Chairs in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (5/17/22)

Systemwide Reviews

- Forwarded comments on proposed revision to Senate Regulation 478 (11/2/21)
- Forwarded comments on revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (11/2/21)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revision to Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices (11/16/21)
- Forwarded comments on proposed Presidential Policy on Integrated Pest Management (12/7/21)
- Forwarded comments on draft Presidential Policy on Abusive Conduct/Bullying in the Workplace (1/4/22)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM-025 & APM-671 (1/4/22)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM-759 (1/18/22)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 478 (Second Review) (1/18/22)
- Forwarded comments on recommendations for department political statements (3/15/22)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (3/15/22)
- Forwarded comments on draft Presidential Policy on Supplement to Military Pay (4/5/22)
- Forwarded comments on UC Research Data Policy (Second Review) (4/5/22)
- Forwarded comments on Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Healthcare

Organizations (6/7/22)

- Forwarded comments on the NSTP Phase 2 Task Force Report (6/21/22)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to APM-715 & APM-760 (6/21/22)

Divisional Bylaws, Regulations, and Appendices

All of the revisions listed received approval from the Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction.

- Approved conforming changes to Appendix IX: Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees (11/2/21) (2/3/22)
- Approved conforming changes to Irvine Regulation 607: Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences (11/2/21) (2/3/22)
- Approved revisions to Appendix I, Chapter V: The Henry Samueli School of Engineering (11/2/21)
- Approved revisions to Appendix I, Chapter XII: School of Law (1/4/22)
- Approved revisions to Appendix I, Chapter I: The Paul Merage School of Business (1/18/22)
- Approved revisions to Appendix VIII: UCI Academic Senate Policy on Academic Integrity (3/1/22)
- Approved revisions to Irvine Regulation A350.A: The Passed/Not Passed Option (3/1/22) (3/10/22)
- Approved conforming changes to Irvine Bylaws 180-183 (4/5/22)
- Approved revisions to Irvine Bylaw 175: Modification of Legislation (4/19/22) (5/5/22)
- Approved revisions to Irvine Bylaw 100: Graduate Council (5/17/22) (6/2/22)
- Approved revisions to Irvine Bylaw A345.D: Course Repetition (5/17/22) (6/2/22)
- Approved revisions to Irvine Regulation 918: Candidacy Committee (6/21/22)

Campus Policy Reviews

- Discussed Academic Council recommendations for divisional policies for TA remote teaching requests (3/1/22)
- Endorsed CEP process for remote instruction exceptions for approved Disability Services Management accommodations for undergraduate courses (3/1/22)
- Discussed online and hybrid learning policies (3/15/22) (4/19/22)
- Provided feedback to OVPTL on campus probation processes (4/5/22)
- Endorsed GC process for remote instruction exceptions for approved Disability Services Management accommodations for graduate courses (4/5/22)
- Discussed OVPTL proposal to allow Faculty Executive Committees to determine policies for access to Canvas courses (4/19/22)
- Discussed English proficiency policy for teaching assistants/associates and approved revisions to English proficiency policy for graduate admissions (5/17/22)

Senate Policies and Procedures

- Discussed establishing naming standards for endowed chairs (1/4/22)
- Approved process for approval of final Divisional Assembly meeting minutes each year (6/2/22)
- Approved proposal to keep Subcommittee on International Education dormant for

one year prior to disestablishment (6/21/22)

New Initiatives

- Provided feedback on resources to help targeted academics (11/16/21)

SSGPDP Reviews

- Endorsed Graduate Council/Council on Planning and Budget Subcommittee three-year reviews of the Master of Science in Business Analytics, Master of Finance, Master of Computer Science, and Master in Conservation and Restoration Science (6/7/22)

Presentations

- Khym Penfil, Principal Campus Counsel, and Michelle Deutchman, Executive Director of the UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, discussed a resource for faculty who are targeted online for exercising their free speech or academic freedom rights (11/16/21)
- Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Hal Stern shared general campus updates (12/7/21) (3/15/22) (5/5/22) (6/21/22)
- Associate Vice Provost for Academic Planning Paul Kang gave an overview of the campus reaffirmation of accreditation process (1/18/22)
- Kian Colestock, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer, and Phil Papadopoulos, Director of the Cyberinfrastructure Center, gave a presentation on research data security at UCI (2/3/22)
- Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Doug Haynes gave an update on the efforts of the Campus Safety Work Group (3/10/22)
- Patty Morales, Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management, and Bryan Jue, Senior Director of Outreach and Communications in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, gave an overview of the Fall 2022 admissions cycle (6/2/22)

Miscellaneous

- Provided feedback to Academic Personnel on mitigating COVID-19 impacts on faculty (11/16/21) (6/7/22)
- Discussed CORCL's follow-up report on integrative medicine at UCI (12/7/21)
- Provided feedback on 2022-27 UCI Five-Year Perspectives (5/17/22)

Other Senate Activities

The following summarizes other Divisional Senate activities that took place during 2021-22.

Academic Personnel

- Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)
 - Reviewed 388 cases over 34 meetings
 - Communicated policies and procedures of the academic personnel review process in partnership with the Office of Academic Personnel (AP) via four campuswide workshops, each of which was attended by hundreds of campus members, including one new workshop focused on associate professors
 - Made four school-specific presentations together with AP
 - Initiated six introductory meetings with new deans to support their onboarding

Academic Program Review

- Academic Program Review Board (APRB)
 - Conducted reviews of the School of Social Ecology and the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing
 - Completed follow-up reviews of the Claire Trevor School of the Arts and the School of Physical Sciences

Collaborations with the Administration

- Academic Planning Group (APG) Workgroups
 - Imagining Research and Creative Activity at UCI in a Post COVID-19 World
 - Addressing Undergraduate Outcome Gaps
 - Reimagining Graduate Education (Phase II)

Events

- FEC Chair Office Hours with Senate Chair (2/18/22) (3/8/22)
- Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards (3/9/22)
- Senate Faculty Coffee Hours with Senate Chair (4/6/22) (5/18/22)

Research Center and Institute Reviews

- Reeve-Irvine Research Center
- Institute for Genomics & Bioinformatics
- Institute for Mathematic Behavioral Science
- Institute for Transportation Studies
- Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (application for establishment)

Student Grievances and Appeals

- Academic Integrity Review Board
 - Completed 23 appeal reviews by the end of Spring 2022

Task Forces

- Task Force on Climate Change
 - Organized conference and submitted convening report on *Reimagining UCI in a Climate-Changed World*