

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023**

To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Committee on Committees (COC) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2022-23 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 Matthew Huffman, Social Sciences, chaired the Committee in 2022-23 and served as the representative to the University Committee on Committees.

COC met 12 times, both in person and via videoconference, during the academic year and conducted substantial business via e-mail correspondence. COC activities included the following:

I. Senate Service Interest Survey

COC conducted its annual Senate Service Interest Survey of Senate faculty for 2023-24 and compiled the results for use in identifying candidates for elected and appointed positions. A total of 279 faculty members completed the survey, representing 13% of the faculty, including emeriti, to indicate their interest in Senate service.

II. Elected Positions

Members recruited candidates who agreed to be nominated for 10 openings on the election slate for 2023-24.

III. Appointed Positions

Members filled 63 out of 63 vacancies on appointed committees for the 2023-24 academic year.

IV. Current Vacancies

COC filled 15 vacancies created when committee members vacated their terms early or went on leave during 2022-23. COC also filled seven vacancies for members who informed the Senate they would be resigning or going on leave during 2023-24.

V. Reserve Council on Academic Personnel

Based on the schools of the CAP members and Senate leadership scheduled for review in the 2023-24 academic year, COC members approved six faculty for appointment to the Reserve Council on Academic Personnel (RCAP).

VI. Nomination Requests from the Systemwide Academic Senate

COC was asked to nominate Academic Senate members for 15 systemwide Academic Senate committees. These requests usually come from the University Committee on Committees and the Academic Council.

- A. UC Press Editorial Committee – Economics (9/21/2022)
- B. UC Press Editorial Committee – African American Studies (9/21/2022)

- C. Shared Libraries Facilities Board (SLFB) (9/21/2022)
- D. UC Education Financing Model (EFM) Steering Committee (10/5/2022)
- E. 2023 Academic Council Chairs Mid-Career Leadership Award (1/9/2023)
- F. Governing Council of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (UC ANR) (1/9/2023)
- G. UC Press Editorial Committee – Art History (2/1/2023)
- H. UC Press Editorial Committee – Criminology and Law (2/1/2023)
- I. UC Press Editorial Committee – Music (2/1/2023)
- J. UC Press Editorial Committee – Premodern History (2/1/2023)
- K. UC Press Editorial Committee – American-Ethnic Studies (3/9/2023)
- L. UC Press Editorial Committee – Sociology (3/9/2023)
- M. Academic Council’s Special Committee on Lab Issues (ACSCOLI) (3/21/2023)
- N. UC Retirement System (UCRS) Advisory Board (5/11/2023)
- O. University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCRJ) Member (6/1/2023)

VII. Nomination Requests from the Irvine Division

COC was asked to nominate Academic Senate members for nine Irvine Division committees (these do not include the standing Divisional Academic Senate committees). These requests generally come from the campus administration and the Irvine Division Chair.

- A. Peer Review Committee (PRC) (10/24/2022)
- B. Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Search Committee (10/31/2022)
- C. Police Accountability Board (PAB) (11/10/2022)
- D. Academic Senate Task Force on Impacts of the UAW Strike (1/25/2023)
- E. Peer Review Committee (PRC) (1/31/2023)
- F. Unit 18 Review Committee (4/25/2023)
- G. Program in Public Health Director Administrative Review Committee (5/23/2023)
- H. School of Physical Sciences Dean Administrative Review Committee (5/23/2023)
- I. Academic Freedom Steering Committee (6/1/2023)

VIII. 2023 Academic Senate Special Election

The Irvine Division of the Academic Senate held a special election from June 21-July 5, 2023 to fill a vacancy from the School of Humanities on the Council on Academic Personnel.

IX. 2023-24 Council on Faculty Welfare Chair

Per the *Procedures for Identifying Committee Chairs*, if a Senate committee has difficulty identifying a committee chair, the Senate leadership will collaborate with COC to help fill the position. The Council on Faculty Welfare (CFW) contacted Senate leadership informing them they were having difficulty identifying a chair for 2023-24. As a result, COC was asked to consider and approve nominees, provided by the Senate leadership, for the CFW Chair position. COC discussed and approved the nominations in rank order. Senate leadership then reached out to the approved nominees and were able to identify a nominee willing to serve as the 2023-24 CFW Chair.

X. Guiding Principles and Best Practices for Faculty Involvement in Dean Search and Review Committees

COC was asked to review suggested revisions to the *Guiding Principles and Best Practices for Faculty Involvement in Dean Search and Review Committees* proposed by the Provost’s office. COC agreed with most of the proposed changes, including condensing the revision history, allowing the Provost to continue consultation with School Faculty Executive Committees (FEC), eliminating

Academic Senate consultation with FEC to avoid duplicative efforts, updating language to better reflect current practices, and other minor copyedits.

However, COC did have some concerns with the proposed revision eliminating the need for an external committee member for third term dean review committees, instead proposing that an effort to identify an external member be made when possible. There were also concerns with the practice of the administration meeting only with the search committee chair to discuss finalists; the language was updated to ask for consultation with the entire committee when possible but allows for consultation with the chair only when full committee consultation is not feasible.

COC updated and approved proposed revisions on June 12, 2023. The revisions were then forwarded to the Senate Cabinet for review and were approved for implementation on June 20, 2023.

XI. Committee Membership

Senate Members (voting):

Matthew Huffman, Social Sciences, Chair
Dalié Jiménez, Law, Vice Chair
Miles Coolidge, Arts
Michael Buchmeier, Biological Sciences
Jone Pearce, Business
Bernard Choi, Engineering
Jun Wu, Health Sciences (Public Health)
Alka Patel, Humanities
Magda El Zarki, ICS
Xing Dai, Medicine – basic science
Min-Ying (Lydia) Su, Medicine – clinical science
Qing Nie, Physical Sciences
Chuansheng Chen, Social Ecology
George Tita, Social Ecology (Fall 2022 substitute)

Ex Officio (non-voting):

Georg Striedter, Chair, Academic Senate

Committee Analysts:

Christine Aguilar, COC Analyst
Jisoo Kim, Executive Director
Gina Anzivino, Associate Director