TO: Members of the Irvine Division

FROM: George Tita, Chair, Committee on Committees

SUBJECT: Academic Senate Committee Interest Survey

At the University of California, the faculty and administration share responsibility for the governance of the institution. Academic Senate service is an important part of the UC system of shared governance. It provides an opportunity for you to work with colleagues from across campus to influence how our university is run and how challenges and opportunities are addressed.

For shared governance to work, the Academic Senate needs committed faculty to serve on Senate committees. Your completion of the Academic Senate Committee Interest Survey provides the Committee on Committees with valuable information used to match faculty interests and expertise with committee membership needs. The survey asks about your interest and availability to serve beginning during the 2021-22 academic year. If you completed the survey in the previous year, your responses will be auto-populated upon accessing the survey. We ask that you review your responses as there may be additional options or changes on the survey, or your interests may have changed. In order for your options to be recorded, the survey needs to be submitted annually.

The Committee Interest Survey will remain open for the remainder of the academic year. However, your response is more useful for efficiently filling positions the earlier you complete the survey. Therefore, we would appreciate your participation by Monday, October 12, 2020. Please take a moment to complete the survey, now available online at the link below.

To complete the Committee Interest Survey for 2021-22, please use the following link: https://dms.senate.uci.edu/~councils.and.committees/interest.survey/. You will be asked to authenticate with your UCInetID and password.

The Committee on Committees makes every effort to respond to specific faculty requests, while also working to create balanced and diverse representation from various disciplines and schools on each committee. Additionally, only some vacancies are open each year. While we do not always find a position for everyone who completes the Committee Interest Survey, we will try our best to do so.

Your prior Academic Senate service is appreciated; it is an important component of the service all faculty are expected to contribute. We are aware that there are some inaccuracies in the Senate’s records. We thus also encourage you to check the Senate’s record of your past service, and ask you to contact senate@uci.edu if you have any corrections or if you need more information. You can access your record of Senate service using your UCInetID and password at: https://dms.senate.uci.edu/history/?services. Only Senate service is included in these records, not other types such as department or school service.
The Committee Interest Survey also includes links to each of the committee’s webpages that can be accessed at http://senate.uci.edu/committees/.

Please contact Christine Aguilar (cmaguil1@uci.edu) in the Academic Senate Office with any questions.

On behalf of the Committee on Committees,

George Tita, Chair