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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE CHAIR ELECT

Greetings from the Divisional Senate:

Every quarter the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate publishes a newsletter to inform faculty and other stakeholders of how our councils and committees have been advancing shared governance of the university. I hope that you will read through the reports below, but wanted to highlight a few salient developments before you get to the all-important details.

First, based on the recommendations of a task force appointed last academic year by the Chair of the Academic Senate, the Irvine Division now has a new Council on Equity and Inclusion. Previously UCI was an outlier systemwide in not having such a dedicated Academic Senate council, although matters of equity and inclusion were already somewhat built into the charge of our Council on Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom. Nonetheless, the formation of the new council, which we plan to have fully operational by winter quarter of 2019, emphasizes our commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity and the need to consistently and thoughtfully incorporate this commitment into the workings of shared governance.

Next, a word or two on where UCI is headed in terms of institutional size and shape. At this point, the Administration is projecting no more growth in total undergraduate enrollment for the campus. We still aim to grow overall, however, and this clearly puts the focus on graduate programs, including traditional state-supported doctoral and masters programs as well as self-supporting programs.

Indeed, the growth of Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs) continues apace both at the Irvine division and across the system. At UCI, enrollment in these programs is currently around 1,200 (as of fall of 2019) or almost 20% of total graduate student enrollment. As many SSGPDPs now look and act like traditional state-supported graduate programs and do so with the express intent of generating revenue to supplement the former, both the Administration and the Academic Senate are committed to ascertaining their impact on the campus, measuring their success, probing and correcting any downsides, and vouchsafing academic quality. Along with a systemwide Academic Senate review of these issues, UCI has launched two separate task forces in this regard: one out of the Provost's office and with significant Senate representation to assess the financial health and functioning of SSGPDPs; another overseen by the Academic Planning Group (APG), a joint committee of the Senate and the Administration, to consider program management. Both of these task forces have begun their work, and I look forward to reporting on their progress in future newsletters.

Finally, I cannot help but remark the arrival in a few short weeks of a new occupant in the Office of the Governor in Sacramento. University of California budgeting and thus our ability to thrive as a research institution and to pursue our mission of serving the people of California depends on a complex interaction of interests and actors: the UC Office of the President, the Regents, the Legislature, the Governor, and the Academic Senate in its advisory capacity. We look forward to Gavin Newsom's tenure and are dedicated to doing what we can to enhance the relation between the UC and the State of California.

Jim Steintrager, Senate Chair Elect

SYSTEMWIDE BUSINESS

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 proposed Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment** (Cabinet - 11/6/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CPT, CFW, and CTLSE
- **Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed Presidential Policy BFB-RMP-7, Protection of Administrative Records Containing Personally Identifiable Information** (Cabinet - 11/6/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CORCL, CTLSE, and CUARS
- **Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed Presidential Policy on the Principles of Accountability with Respect to Financial Transactions** (Cabinet - 11/6/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CORCL
- **Forwarded comments as part of the systemwide review of the proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-46, UC Vehicle Use** (Cabinet - 11/6/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CPB

IRVINE DIVISION BUSINESS

Divisional Issues/Updates

Senate Orientation

Chair Cohen welcomed Senate Council and Committee Chairs and Faculty Executive Committee Chairs to the Senate Orientation and lunch on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Guests reviewed and discussed important topics such as confidentiality, shared governance, and key issues for the year.

First Completely Online Undergraduate Degree Proposal

The Cabinet welcomed Mary Gilly, Senior Associate Dean of the Paul Merage School of Business, Maia Young, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs of the Paul Merage School of Business, and Vidyanand Choudhary, Professor of Information Systems of the Paul Merage School of Business on November 20th to provide an initial overview of the proposed Online Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. The proposed online degree would be the first of its kind at the undergraduate degree level in the UC system.

Council on Equity and Inclusion

During the 2017-18 year, Senate Chair Pantelia convened an ad hoc committee to develop a charge for a Senate standing committee on diversity and recommend its location within the Senate structure. The Senate Ad Hoc Diversity Committee subsequently submitted a [report](#) recommending that the Academic Senate constitute a Council on Equity and Inclusion. The proposal to create the new Council was forwarded to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction and reviewed at the appropriate levels of the Academic Senate. In June 2018, the Divisional Senate approved the proposed bylaw: [Bylaw 90. Equity and Inclusion, Council on](#). The new Council is expected to meet in Winter quarter 2019.

Elsevier Negotiations

At the December 6, 2018 Divisional Senate Assembly meeting, University Librarian Lorelei Tanji, Associate University Librarian for Research Resources John Renaud, and Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries Chair Jeffrey Barrett provided an update on the status of the University of California's ongoing negotiations with Elsevier. The Assembly discussed subscription fees, open access fees, the University of California's open access model, and University of California goals for new pilots with journal publishers.

Members of the Assembly were encouraged to share this update with their colleagues and to have them visit the website on University of California Journal Negotiations with FAQs at <https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/scholarly-publishing/publisher-negotiations/>. Please contact John Renaud with any questions at jrenaud@uci.edu or (949) 824-5216.



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Review of Irvine Division Bylaws, Regulations and Appendices

APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 6, 2019 ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Bylaw 26. Membership

The proposed modifications would not only make the Chair of the new Council on Equity and Inclusion a member of the Divisional Senate Assembly, but would also remove the need for conforming changes to be made to Bylaw 26 each time a council is renamed, removed, or created (similarly to how the Cabinet's membership is described in IBL 145).

Bylaw 27. Election of Representatives and Bylaw 165. Procedures Governing Meetings of the Divisional Assembly

The proposed modifications provide clarity by explicitly permitting Chairs and representatives of the Faculties of the Division to have substitutes to the Divisional Senate Assembly. The modifications also expand the privileges of substitutes to full membership privileges; as currently written, IBL 165, B. only permits a designated representative (i.e. substitute) of a council/committee of the Division to move or second actions on reports of that committee.

Bylaw 35. Committees

The proposed modifications describe the eligibility of faculty with administrative titles to serve on Senate committees, councils, and boards.

Bylaw 40. Faculties (and Regulation 605. Francisco J. Ayala School of Biological Sciences)

Removing the "Francisco J. Ayala" name would make the language at the systemwide and divisional levels consistent (Standing Order 110.1 does not list the Ayala name in the title of the School of Biological Sciences), and the addition of the "Susan and Henry Samueli" names to the College of Health Sciences would reflect the School's new name (which completed divisional review and received UC President approval 2/16/2018).

Bylaw 80. Delegation of Representatives to the Assembly

The proposed modifications aim to clarify the language and ensure conformity with the Academic Senate's bylaw which states that "The selection and use of alternates must be specified in Divisional Bylaws" (SBL 105.B.1.). The proposed modifications would also align Bylaw 80 with current practice as the Committee on Committees has not been appointing alternates to specific Divisional Representatives (permitting any Divisional Representative Alternate to substitute for any Divisional Representative).

Bylaw 125. Rules and Jurisdiction, Committee on

The proposed modifications aim to remove the University Registrar as an ex officio member of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, per the University Registrar's request.

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Appendix I, Chapter VIII. College of Health Sciences

The proposed modifications accommodate both the independent status of the four member schools (programs), and articulate policies that encourage engagement, intellectual exchange, teaching and service responsibilities that reflect the collaborative nature of the larger enterprise.

Appendix II. Grade Appeals

The proposed modifications intend to provide clarity in the steps and stages of the grade appeals process and its defined terms, to include references to the Faculty Code of Conduct, greater flexibility in timelines, and Graduate Council representation on UCI Grievance Panels.

Appendix IX. Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

The proposed modifications will update Appendix IX and Regulations 625, 630, 635, and 640 to reflect current degrees offered at UCI. Appendix IX should be updated on a yearly basis and crosschecked against the General Catalog that is released each summer.

Degree Programs

- **Endorsed and forwarded the proposed modifications to the Master of Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems to the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs** (Cabinet - 10/16/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CPB and GC
- **Approved proposal to establish a B.S. in Psychology** (Cabinet - 6/19/18) (Assembly - 12/6/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level by CEP and CPB

Other

The Senate Cabinet reviewed and endorsed the following:

- **Proposal to establish the Department of Global and International Studies in the School of Social Sciences** (Cabinet - 10/30/18)
 - Reviewed at Council Level CPB, CAP, CEP, CORCL and GC
- **Council on Educational Policy's revisions to the call for proposals for Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Awards** (Cabinet - 10/30/18)

ACTIVITIES BY SENATE COUNCILS

Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)

CAP Fall 2018 Business

The Council on Academic Personnel welcomed seven new members to the Council for the 2018-2019 review year. The reviews by CAP and their recommendations are central to the process by which faculty are appointed, advanced within rank, and promoted. In conducting its evaluative reviews, CAP seeks to apply a campus-wide standard which is refined by the vast number of cases that it reviews. It has the joint responsibility of maintaining the academic standards of the campus and of seeking to improve the quality and efficiency of the review process.

This year, CAP invited several new campus deans to meet for one-on-one conversations on the personnel review process and is planning to continue these discussions with new deans each fall. CAP works closely with the Office of Academic Affairs and the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel to communicate pertinent information about the review process to deans, chairs, faculty, and academic personnel processors during information sessions held throughout the year. In addition to information sessions, schools may request a visit from Academic Personnel and CAP by contacting the CAP analyst at (949) 824-3922.

CAP meets eleven months out of twelve, with occasional meetings during the off-times based on need. This year, CAP will meet 34 times and review close to 500 cases. CAP's annual reports contain the details of its past year's activities, and may be found on the Academic Senate website: <http://senate.uci.edu/annual-reports/>.

Council on Educational Policy (CEP)

Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award (ITSA)

CEP has revised the guidelines for the Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award (ITSA). The Call for proposals will go out mid December 2018 or in January 2019. The ITSA awards support the presentation of new interdisciplinary classes; preference will be given to proposals which would be otherwise unlikely to be supported due to departmental budget and staffing constraints. The ITSA award can go to instructor research accounts should they wish to teach the course on overload, or the ITSA award will support a department to replace or otherwise support faculty members to teach a single class outside the current range of classes offered by their department.

BA Degree for California Prisoners

CEP heard a presentation of a proposal to establish a BA degree for CA prisoners by Valerie Jenness, UCI Professor of Criminology, Law, and Society. Professor Jenness summarized the background and rationale for establishing a BA degree taught in CA prisons for prisoners in the near future. The proposal was presented as an information/discussion item for CEP members, rather than a formal review for an actual BA degree. In an informal vote, CEP members voted in favor of the proposal.

ACTIVITIES BY SENATE COUNCILS

Upcoming

CEP will continue discussing UCI Esports' funding sources and distribution to students as well as its connection to undergraduate education.

Under Review

- New Minor in Armenian Studies

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

Peer Review Committee – Background and Charge

At its October 9, 2018 meeting, CFW was presented with information regarding the Peer Review Committees (PRC) created on each UC campus. These Committees were recommended by the Joint Committee appointed by UC President Napolitano in 2015 and were constituted in 2017. Members were concerned with the makeup and charge of the PRC, as it had not been clearly publicized to Senate faculty. It was explained that the PRC only reviews cases involving sexual violence and sexual harassment (SVSH). The review process includes the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and the Vice Provost of Academic Personnel (VPAP), and may include the Committee on Privilege and Tenure (CPT). There were five SVSH cases managed through VPAP in the last year, and they required a large amount of time and staffing resources. The Council suggested that communication with campus faculty regarding the PRC role should be more transparent. The Council will continue to communicate recommendations and concerns regarding this issue.

Upcoming

CFW will discuss University Hills Bike Lanes, ADA Compliance and Accessibility, and the OIT Canvas Transition.

Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)

Guidelines for Undergraduate/Graduate Hybrid (4+1) Degree Programs

CPB reviewed the proposed local guidelines for undergraduate/graduate (4+1) degree programs. The Council found the guidelines to be well-considered and agreed that they would aid in the development of high-quality proposals. CPB suggested a number of additions including that the proposals should consider how programs will be administered with respect to funding sources and the department's current programs, how faculty participation in hybrid programs might interfere with faculty needs of current programs, and that proposals should plan for an evaluation of the success of the program.

Upcoming

CPB is in the process of reviewing the UCI Policy Statement on SSGPDPs. The Council continues to consider the impact of the campus's rapid growth of SSGPDPs.

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Degree Programs Under Review

- Master of Data Science (SSGPDP), Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences

Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL)

Impact of the Samuel Gift on Campus Research

CORCL is meeting with Al Goldin, Interim Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs to discuss the direction of basic research and the upcoming hires planned under the recent Samueli gift to the College of Health Sciences. The gift allocates funding for 15 faculty chairs with expertise in integrative health. CORCL believes that careful faculty review in the hiring of these chairs is critical to maintaining the highest scientific standards that are consistent with the research mission of the university.

Sunset Reviews for ORUs

CORCL considered sunset reviews for the Center for Virus Research and Cancer Research Institute. CORCL supported renewal and provided suggestions for improvement for both ORUs. The recommendations included an evaluation of average annual direct costs from extra mural grants and formalizing programs for mentoring junior faculty as way to plan for succession of leadership.

Upcoming

CORCL will review UCI's policy statement on SSGPDPs.

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



Student Course Feedback Update

At its meeting on October 1, 2018, CTLSE reviewed updates on the implementation of recommendations to the new Student Course Feedback process. A representative from the Division of Undergraduate Education provided timelines for a pilot and implementation as well as logistical details. Members provided feedback and suggestions, particularly regarding questions on the form and a possible TA form. The Council will receive further updates in Winter 2019.

OIT and Canvas Transition

At its meeting on November 5, 2018, CTLSE was presented with information from OIT regarding the Canvas Transition. Many changes are being made to transition from EEE to Canvas including a new survey app, self-diagnostic evaluations, and the retirement of old systems. Most systems will be replaced with a new tool, and others will be piloted before implementation. Instructors may use both systems until all of the older systems are retired. Members were most concerned with the retirement of GradeBook, and wanted to be sure there was an appropriate new tool. The Council will receive further updates in Spring or Fall 2019.

ACTIVITIES BY SENATE COUNCILS

Undocumented Students and DACA

At its meeting on November 5, 2018, CTLSE was presented with information from the DREAMERS center regarding DACA updates and information. There was concern with the restrictions on refugee and asylum cities as well as an increasingly hostile environment surrounding immigration issues. The UCI campus is attempting to be proactive with services to DACA students including meeting with a campus attorney and focusing on economic opportunities for students.

Non-DACA Advocates

At its meeting on November 5, 2018, CTLSE was presented with information from a student group that advocates for non-DACA students. The group provides resources for non-DACA students whose biggest issues include professional development and internships. UROP is currently attempting to advocate for both DACA and non-DACA students with a supplemental Summer stipend. The group proposed a fellowship document that would assist non-DACA students with housing, books, etc. The Council will continue to hear updates as needed.

Upcoming

CTLSE will discuss Student Wellness and Promoting Student Mental Health, and Academic Integrity.

Graduate Council (GC)

Graduate Education

This year, the Graduate Council is focusing on the upcoming three-year review of several Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs). Per UC SSGPDP policy, the Graduate Council will take the lead in consultation with the Council on Planning and Budget. Following a successful three-year review, the SSGPDPs will be incorporated into the Academic Senate's standard program review process. The Senate's efforts are being mirrored by the Academic Planning Group with the formation of a task force on SSGPDP implementation, chaired by Graduate Council Chair Mimura.

In an effort to improve the quality and timeliness of the review process for graduate degree program modifications, the Graduate Council is seeking input from School Executive Committees on a proposal to conduct concurrent review by Graduate Council and Executive Committees. Concurrent review would also provide a more equitable timeline for all units across the campus as not all Executive Committees require review and approval of program modifications.

The Graduate Council reviewed an academic disqualification appeal forwarded by the Graduate Division. The case prompted a revision to the Academic Disqualification Policy to clarify the potential enrollment status of academically disqualified students while their disqualification is under appeal.

The Graduate Council further clarified Senate Regulation 918. Candidacy Committee to allow for exceptions to the requirement that a majority of voting members hold appointments in the student's department or academic unit be considered under exceptional circumstances.

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New Graduate Degree Programs under Review

- Master of Data Science (SSGPDP), Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences
- PhD in Global Studies, School of Social Sciences

Graduate Concentrations/Emphases/Specializations

- New Specialization in Tax, School of Law
- New Emphasis in Global Studies, School of Social Sciences
- Change of Concentration in Chinese, Japanese, and East Asian Cultural Studies to Specialization in Chinese, Japanese, and East Asian Cultural Studies, School of Humanities
- Discontinuance of Emphasis in Comparative Literature, School of Humanities
- Discontinuance of Concentrations in Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing

Academic Program Review

- School of Biological Sciences

Council on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations with Schools (CUARS)

Admissions Pilot Programs

The Council has recently conducted reviews of existing and new Admissions Pilot Programs. The Engineering pilot was designed to improve retention within Engineering, control enrollment into the top five majors (Aerospace, Biomedical, Biomedical- Premedical, Mechanical, and Chemical), and manage limited lab space by having students with SAT Math scores at 590 or below (ACT Math ≤ 26) undergo an Engineering holistic review. Based on the Engineering review score (and campus selection criteria), students would be placed in one of the following: (a) the preferred engineering major, (b) an alternate engineering major recommended by Engineering, or (c) a valid non-engineering major. The Physics and Astronomy pilot was also designed to improve retention within the Department, but aimed to increase enrollment (to ideally double the number of new freshmen students enrolled) and have OARS consider admitting physics majors who do not meet freshmen selection.

At its November 13th meeting, the Council voted to approve the continuation of the programs. The Council also reviewed and approved a newly proposed admissions pilot for the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences. The Council has forwarded its comments and the pilots to the Council on Enrollment and Student Success (CESS) for review. The final review will be conducted by the Provost.

Upcoming

Given the increase in student enrollment in the last few years, the Council plans to continue researching the potential impacts of changing to an admissions model of admitting by major or school (especially since the increase in students has not been evenly distributed).

The Council is reviewing the UCI eSports program. Members will specifically review the program's recruitment of students, diversity, and sponsor-funded scholarships.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic Senate Committee Interest Survey

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 allows the Committee on Committees (COC) to match faculty interests with committee membership needs. The survey asks about your interest and availability to serve during the 2019-20 academic year.

COC will make every effort to match your specific interests, while also working to create balanced and diverse representation among committee members from various disciplines and schools. We may not find a position for everyone who completes the Committee Interest Survey, but we will try our best to do so.

To complete the 2019-20 Survey, please use the following link:

<https://dms.senate.uci.edu/~councils.and.committees/interest.survey/>

2018-19 Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards

We hope that you can join us for the 2018-19 Distinguished Faculty Awards event scheduled to take place Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newkirk Alumni Center. Invitation and RSVP details to follow. <https://senate.uci.edu/files/Senate-Awards-Save-the-Date.pdf>

In Memoriam

At the December 6, 2018 Assembly meeting, the following In Memoriam were shared:

Gilmore, Bernard (1937-2013)	Rasmussen Hinson, Nina (1941-2018)
Green, Michael (1937-2018)	van Overeem, Willem (1932-2015)
Hickok, Robert (1927-2018)	Wallis, Richard (1924-2015)

If you would like to submit any outstanding In Memoriam resolutions, or have any questions regarding the In Memoriam process, please contact Christine Aguilar at (949) 824-7458 or cmaguil1@uci.edu.

For more information please visit: <http://senate.uci.edu/in-memoriam/>

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Your comments are welcome: senate@uci.edu

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