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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE CHAIR ELECT

Dear Colleagues:

Every quarter the Irvine Division of the Academic Senate publishes a newsletter that reports on the activities of the councils and committees. As an introduction, I will briefly mention a few issues that have been salient so far this academic year.

A significant accomplishment this fall is the restructuring of the Academic Planning Group (APG) and the formation of two APG task groups. The APG is a committee that advises the provost on academic planning, resource allocation, and other strategic priorities. The APG represents the campus commitment to shared governance with representation from both the Academic Senate and the administration. To be as efficient as possible this year, we have modified the organization of APG so that it is comprised of a small core group that does its work through the formation of task groups. A task group is an ad hoc collection of faculty and administrators charged with reviewing a specific issue then presenting its findings to the provost. There are currently two APG task groups: one on self-supporting programs and one on quarters vs. semesters. The new APG model will be assessed at the end of the year.

The aim of the self-supporting programs task group is to assess the impact of self-supporting graduate professional degree programs (SSGPDPs) at UC Irvine and propose changes to our current policies and practices as needed. At a number of units across campus, SSGPDPs serve students for whom a traditional graduate program might not be a good fit and provide resources to the unit for such things as graduate student support. We now have sufficient experience with these programs to get a good sense of what has worked well and what hasn't. We will use what we learn from the review to improve our current policies and practices campus wide.

The quarters vs. semesters task group is reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of UC Irvine moving from a quarter to a semester schedule. Originally, all UC campuses were on semesters, in 1966 all moved to quarters, then in 1983 Berkeley moved back to semesters. While this is an issue that has been considered before, there is good reason to revisit it now. The task group will assess how moving from quarters to semesters might impact, among other things, faculty research and teaching, student learning, student health and wellness, transfer students, and student access to summer job and internship opportunities.

There are two other things I should mention going forward. First, the Academic Senate invites UCI faculty to submit comments regarding the UC Presidential search and what we should like to see as a result. Comments are anonymous. They will be summarized and shared with the Academic Advisory Committee to the search. For more information about the UC Presidential Search, please [click here](#). To submit comments, please login [here](#). And finally, we hope you can join us for the 2019-20 Distinguished Faculty Awards event on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:00pm at the Newkirk Alumni Center. If you are able to do so, please [RSVP here](#).

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SYSTEMWIDE BUSINESS

Systemwide Issues/Updates

Nominations for 2020-21 Academic Council Vice Chair

The Systemwide Academic Senate is seeking candidates for the 2020-21 Academic Council Vice Chair position. The Vice Chair serves as Vice Chair of the Academic Council, the Academic Assembly, and the Academic Senate, and as a Faculty Representative to the Regents, and becomes Senate Chair the following year (2021-22). Candidates should be aware that the position is a full-time assignment at the Office of the President in Oakland. Senate faculty may nominate themselves or be nominated by a current or past Council member.

Interested candidates should submit a one-page curriculum vitae, a one-page statement of challenges and priorities for the Senate, and a simple statement indicating a willingness to serve as Vice Chair and then Chair of the Academic Senate, if elected. Materials should be submitted to Senate Executive Director [Hilary Baxter](#) by March 25, 2020.

Candidates must be able to attend the April 1, 2020 meeting of the Academic Council to make a brief presentation and to participate in an interview with Council members. The Academic Council will make its selection of a nominee at its April 1 meeting, and will forward its nomination to the Assembly for action at the Assembly's video meeting on April 15, 2020.

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 revisions to APM Section 230, Visiting Appointments** (Cabinet – 10/1/19)
 - Reviewed at Council level by CAP, CORCL, & GC
- **Forwarded comments as part of the Systemwide review of the proposed revised Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation** (Cabinet – 10/15/19)
 - Reviewed at Council level by CEI & CORCL
- **Forwarded comments as part of the Systemwide review of the proposed revised Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership** (Cabinet – 12/3/19)
 - Reviewed at Council level by CORCL & GC

IRVINE DIVISION BUSINESS

Divisional Issues/Updates

Senate Orientation

Chair Steintrager welcomed the Senate Council, Committee Chairs and Faculty Executive Committee Chairs to the Senate Orientation and lunch on Monday September 23, 2019. Guests reviewed and discussed important topics such as increasing faculty diversity, admissions and enrollment management, and how to increase Senate engagement and service.

OIT Campus IT Roadmap

The Cabinet welcomed Interim Chief Information Officer Kian Colestock and Instructional Support Manager Erik Kelly to provide an update on OIT's goals and campus projects. The presentation focused on planned initiatives in areas such as faculty recruitment, engagement, infrastructure, Compass, and Canvas. Cabinet members raised questions about algorithmic bias, digital badging, how well Canvas is meeting faculty needs, data ownership, and privacy concerns.

ADA Introductory Visit

The Cabinet welcomed ADA Coordinator Andrew Berk to present about the ADA Office's work on campus. He expressed his desire for UCI to be the model of disability integration and accessibility. Coordinator Berk and Chair Steintrager encouraged each Council Chair to contact Coordinator Berk to see how the Councils can work with him to increase accessibility and diversity on campus.

Review of Irvine Division Bylaws, Regulations and Appendices

- Approved the modifications to Bylaw 90. Equity and Inclusion, Council on (Cabinet - 11/19/19) (Assembly - 12/5/19)

Bylaw 90. Equity and Inclusion, Council on

The changes update the title of one of the ex officio members, whose position was recently elevated to the level of Vice Chancellor, and replaces a current ex officio member, the Vice Provost for Academic Planning, with the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel. The Council determined that the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel's area of expertise more directly relates to CEI's current areas of interest, and the CEI Chair has discussed the proposed changes with both the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

Endowed Chairs

ENDORSED BY SENATE CABINET:

(Reviewed at the Council level by CPB)

- **Endorsed the establishment of the Howard A. Schneiderman Endowed Chair in the School of Biological Sciences** (Cabinet - 12/3/19)

IRVINE DIVISION BUSINESS

Other

- **Forwarded endorsement of proposed revisions to Academic Personnel Procedures Manual Section 3-60H** (Cabinet 10/1/19)
- **Forwarded endorsement of Interim Policy for Student International Activities and Procedures for Student International Activities** (Cabinet - 12/3/19)
 - Reviewed at Council level by CEP, CFW, CTLSE, GC & SCIE
- **Forwarded recommended conferral of degree under special circumstances** (Cabinet - 12/3/19)
 - Reviewed at Council level by CEP

ACTIVITIES BY SENATE COUNCILS

Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)

CAP Business

For the 2019-2020 review year, the Council welcomed five new members. The reviews by CAP and its 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 bears the joint responsibility of maintaining the academic standards of the campus and of seeking to improve the quality and efficiency of the review process.

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, such as at the annual Fall Kick-Off, and through school visits; four school visits were held this fall. Additionally, the CAP Chair met individually with multiple deans to discuss CAP's role in the personnel review process. Schools may request a visit from Academic Personnel and CAP by contacting the CAP analyst at (949) 824-3922.

Upcoming

CAP will meet 11 months out of 12 – for a total of 34 meetings – with additional meetings scheduled as needed. In the fall, CAP met every other Thursday from 12:30-5:30; starting January through July, CAP will meet weekly. During the year, CAP will review close to 400 cases. For details on the previous year's activities, CAP's annual reports can be found on the Academic Senate website [here](#). Lastly, CAP is in the process of updating its Frequently Asked Questions page which will serve to communicate its practices to the campus.

Council on Educational Policy (CEP)

Reviewed/Approved by CEP

In fall 2019, CEP approved a new minor in Creative Writing and provided recommendations for three external reviews: 1) 2019 CEP External Review of UCI undergraduate writing; 2) 2019 APRB review for the School of Education; and 3) 2019 APRB review of the Program in Public Health. At its December 5th meeting, CEP finalized its comments on a request to redefine the term "in residence" in *Irvine Regulation 515. Undergraduate Residency Requirements* to mean "physically in residence." The Council also reviewed a request to consider making its agendas and minutes available to the public. Following discussion, members decided that the minutes and agendas are public, upon request.

Student Recordings

CEP is in the process of discussing six recommendations from the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning concerning student recordings of UCI course lectures and classroom discussions. CEP has currently decided that students should be allowed to record lectures and discussions unless the faculty instructor has made it explicit that they cannot. The Council also determined that student recordings of lectures and classroom discussions cannot be posted online or be used for commercial purposes.

Upcoming

CEP is preparing for the 2021 Non Degree Academic External Review of UCI fully online and hybrid courses in an effort to determine current weaknesses and strengths in these and other courses. The Council plans to bring on one internal reviewer and four external reviewers for this review.

Council on Equity and Inclusion (CEI)

Irvine Bylaw 90

At its first meeting this academic year, the Council on Equity and Inclusion voted to amend its bylaws by removing the Vice Provost for Academic Planning and adding the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel to the ex officio membership. Council members determined that this change is in line with its charge since many of the issues to be addressed by the Council – such as recruitment and retention of diverse faculty – are related to Academic Personnel more so than Academic Planning. The amendment to Council bylaw was approved by the Divisional Assembly at its December 5th meeting.

Upcoming

CEI's primary project this year is to conduct an assessment of UCI's Equity Advisor program. The Council will review best practices for equity advisor programs developed by the University Committee on Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Equity (UCAADE), and endorsed by the Academic Council. The Council will engage with the Office of Inclusive Excellence, school deans, and current and former equity advisors in its assessment, considering equity advisors' training and duties, involvement in recruitment and retention efforts, and the program's impact on diversifying the faculty. CEI expects to provide a report to the Senate Cabinet summarizing its findings and recommendations later this academic year.

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

UC Irvine ADA Compliance and Accessibility

At its November 12th meeting, the Council featured a presentation by Andrew Berk, ADA Coordinator, UCI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (OEOD). Coordinator Berk provided updates on campus ADA compliance and more generally on the state of campus accessibility efforts. The state of ADA compliance and accessibility across university campuses is mixed at best, and Irvine and Berkeley are the only UC campuses so far that employ a full-time ADA Coordinator. Coordinator Berk encouraged instructors to support a more welcoming disability environment by including language regarding accommodations and disability services in their syllabi. One of Coordinator Berk's more immediate goals is to produce a report on the unmet needs of UCI students with disabilities, including a list of possible solutions. The Council will invite Andrew Berk to a CFW meeting in 2020 to provide updates.

UCIPD and Campus Safety Issues

The Council met the new UCI Police Chief Elizabeth ("Liz") Griffin. Police Chief Griffin summarized UCIPD's short and long-term goals, emphasizing the community engagement role of its Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB). A short-term goal of the UCIPD is to increase efficiencies; for example, new technology now enables officers to complete paperwork while on patrol. Other updates included notification of a new UCIPD/Public Safety website that will soon debut, the creation of a Presidential Task Force on Universitywide Policing, a new system for providing officer-initiated contact data coming in 2020, and a Community Police Academy that aims to educate the community. Chief Griffin also let members know that UCIPD can provide classroom safety preparedness workshops for interested instructors.

Members asked the Chief about UCIPD efforts to mitigate the dangers of traffic (including motorized and device-dependent travel) for Ring Mall pedestrians. Chair Chew will solicit members and create a charge for a subcommittee on pedestrian safety and related "Ring Mall" issues, and DFA Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez will be invited to a future meeting to discuss these issues since Ring Mall falls under his purview. Members also asked about possible uses of video surveillance in public areas; Chief Griffin replied that no single UCI entity controls video use so the issues are complicated.

Upcoming

The Council will continue to prioritize accessibility and pedestrian safety issues at UCI, as these issues impact the entire campus community. The Council anticipates upcoming discussions of retirement and emeriti engagement issues, the ongoing and planned expansion of University Hills, UCI's transition from EEE to the Canvas learning management system, challenges in the rollout of the UCPATH personnel and payroll system, and planning for a new hospital on or near the main campus.

Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)

Master of Engineering – Materials Science and Engineering Concentration

CPB discussed the proposal to add a Materials Science and Engineering concentration to the Master of Engineering. The proposal includes eight new courses for the concentration and a revised budget. The Council expressed concern about the projected faculty workload given the addition of the new courses. Additional information regarding the teaching and support structure was requested. Discussion is ongoing.

CPB – continued**Upcoming Issues**

In partnership with Graduate Council, CPB will discuss the three-year reviews of the Master of Human-Computer Interaction and Design (MHCID) and the Master of Legal and Forensic Psychology (MLFP). These are the campus's first three-year reviews of self-supporting degree programs.

Degree Programs Under Review

Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)

Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL)**Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership**

CORCL considered revisions to the Systemwide presidential policy on copyright ownership. The key provision of the policy is that the University transfers the copyrights it may own in Scholarly & Aesthetic Works to Academic Authors who prepared those works using Independent Academic Effort. The proposed modifications reduce areas of ambiguity and streamline the language. While the Council endorsed the revisions overall, concerns were raised regarding inconsistent and vague wording.

Reviews for ORUs

CORCL considered applications for continuation for the Center for Complex Biological Systems (CCBS) and Atmospheric Integrated Research (AirUCI). CORCL supported renewal for both and provided recommendations for improvement including the formation of an advisory panel and increased interaction with the regional industry.

Upcoming Issues

CORCL will discuss the role of Research Information Management Systems such as Academic Analytics at the UC.

Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE)**Student Course Feedback Form Update**

At its October 7th meeting, the Council was presented with updates to the Student Course Feedback Form pilot by Gary Coyne, Principal Research Analyst, DUE. Data collected from 1,436 students in six courses for the pilot was examined for a comparison between instructor focused and course focused wording. The examination of data revealed some shortcomings that could be addressed with an updated form. While a new form may not level all biases, it should provide more robust data. Departments will still be able to customize the form with additional specific questions, but the intent is to provide a standardized form across campus. Members noted that CORCL and CAP should be consulted on the issue of data collection and research with the feedback form. At its November 4th meeting, the Council voted unanimously to approve campuswide implementation of the new Student Course Feedback form.

CTLSE – continued**Mellon Research Grant**

The Council received a request from Michael Dennin, Vice Provost, Division of Teaching and Learning (VPTL) and Dean of Undergraduate Education to discuss the current Mellon Grant Research Project and how it accesses and manages Learning Management System (LMS) data use in its research. The Council invited VPTL Dennin to its November 4th meeting to provide additional details about the project. Members expressed concern that faculty had not been notified of this project prior to its launch in fall 2019.

The focus of the project is to determine which types of data are important in evaluating student success; the project will predominantly use Canvas data. Members voted unanimously to endorse the Mellon Grant Research Project accessing all available Learning Management Eco-System Data (Canvas, EEE+, etc.), in compliance with the IRB approved guidelines for the research project. However, the Council requested that OVPTL notify faculty that these data are subject to anonymized inclusion in IRB approved research studies. In part as a result of discussions of this project by both CTLSE and the Senate Cabinet, an APG task group, co-chaired by the Senate Chair Elect, will be taking up issues of data privacy and usage.

Upcoming

The Council will keep apprised of the Mellon Research Grant as well as other LMS data collection and research issues. The Council will also take a look at advocacy efforts and resources for both DACA and non-DACA students on campus; consider campus ADA compliance and accessibility issues, with plans to invite UCI ADA Coordinator Andrew Berk to a future meeting; and will review a proposed change to the UROP fellowship funding model expected in 2020-21.

Graduate Council (GC)**Graduate Education**

Graduate Council is reviewing the Interim UCI Policy and Procedures for Student International Activities. The purpose of the policy is to address risk management for international activities involving UCI students. Graduate Council recommends that a systemwide policy be implemented for all UC campuses to follow, rather than for UCI to establish its own individual policy. The Council has also discussed the Revised Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership. The proposed modifications aim to reduce areas of ambiguity and streamline the language. Graduate Council supports that copyright ownership prepared by registered students resides with the students as much as possible.

Upcoming

Graduate Council will continue discussing the following items: *Irvine Regulation 825* and *Senate Regulation 726. Transfer and Waiver Policies*, and *Irvine Regulation 360* and *Senate Regulation 620. Credit by Examination*. IR 825 and SR 726 state that credit obtained for work indicating superior scholarship at institutions other than UC may be accepted for partial fulfillment of the minimum unit or course requirement for master's degrees. Graduate Council is reviewing the policies for graduate courses, how they apply to doctoral students earning a master's degree en route, and how the policies apply to existing programs.

GC – continued**Upcoming (continued)**

In regards to IR 360 and SR 620. Credit by Examination, credit by examination is available for both undergraduate and graduate courses; each School/College Dean has the sole power to approve or reject applications for the examination. Graduate Council is reviewing whether to allow credit by examination for graduate students.

New Graduate Degree Program

- Doctor of Pharmacy (under review)

Suspension of Admissions

- Doctor of Nursing Practice Post-Master's Track, Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing

Concentrations/Emphases/Specializations

- New Concentration in Analytics in Digital Leadership, Master in Business Administration, Full-Time, Paul Merage School of Business
- Discontinuance of Concentration in Critical and Curatorial Studies, MFA in Art, Claire Trevor School of the Arts
- Discontinuance of Emphasis in Musicology, MFA in Music, Claire Trevor School of the Arts

Academic Program Review

- School of Education
- Program in Public Health
- School of Biological Sciences Year 1 Follow-Up
- Paul Merage School of Business Year 4 Follow-Up
- Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences Year 7 Follow-Up

**Council on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations
with Schools (CUARS)****Reader Training and Admissions Processes**

In its continued effort to demonstrate understanding of issues related to admission of undergraduate students, the Council reached out to the Office of Admissions to provide a training to members on the admissions process and reader training. At its October 8th meeting, the Council received a comprehensive training in these processes from Tony Hwang, Director of Enrollment Management, as well as an invitation to attend reader trainings held in November. CUARS members look forward to continuing to engage with the Office of Admissions in a collaborative relationship.

Upcoming

The Council will continue its review of IUPP, the International Undergraduate Preparation Program, by examining responses provided from DCE to questions posed in 2018-19. The Council will also provide guidance for Admissions once the Systemwide Standardized Testing Task Force releases its report regarding potential changes in how the UC will utilize standardized testing in admissions.

SENATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019-20 Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Awards

We hope that you can join us for the 2019-20 Distinguished Faculty Awards event scheduled to take place Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newkirk Alumni Center. Please [RSVP here](#) by February 12, 2020.

Please visit the [2019-2020 Distinguished Faculty Awards webpage](#) for additional information on the 2019-20 Senate award recipients.

Comments Welcome - UC Presidential Search

President Napolitano will be stepping down this August, and a search for the next UC President is underway. Information about the search is available [here](#).

We invite you to submit comments regarding the UC Presidential search and what we should like to see as a result. We will summarize and share your comments with the Academic Advisory Committee at the conclusion of the comment period. Comments are anonymous, and you may only make one submission.

To submit your comments, please login to the [DMS site](#) using your UCInetID and password. The comment period will close at 5:00pm on January 31, 2020.

In Memoriam

At the December 5, 2019 Assembly meeting, the following In Memoriam resolutions were reviewed:

Bhalla, Deepak Kumar (1946-2018)
Huff, Clarence Ronald (1945-2019)
Longhurst, John Charles (1947-2018)
Menzel, Daniel (1934-2018)

Schmitendorf, William (1941-2019)
Stein, Larry (1931-2019)
Tilles, Jeremiah (1932-2017)

If you would like to submit any outstanding In Memoriam resolutions, or have any questions regarding the In Memoriam resolution process, please contact Christine Aguilar at (949) 824-7458 or cmaguill1@uci.edu.

Please visit the Senate [In Memoriam webpage](#) for more information.

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Your comments are welcome: senate@uci.edu

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