DIVISION COUNCIL March 2, 2017 12:00–1:30 PM KL 362

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Item

I. Chair's Report and Announcements—Chair Amussen

10 Min

- A. Meeting with Provost (2/21)
- B. Academic Council (2/22)
- C. Update on workforce planning work groups
- D. On Tuesday, March 14, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in KL 360, DivCo will review with the Chancellor scenarios for the *Framework for UC's Shape and Growth*.

II. Consent Calendar

5 Min

- A. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the minutes of the <u>January 19, 2017</u> and <u>February 16, 2017</u> meetings.

III. Committee Chairs' Reports

25 Min

- Undergraduate Council (UGC) Chair Anne Zanzucchi
- Graduate Council (GC) Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam
- Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF) Chair Jayson Beaster-Jones
- <u>Diversity and Equity</u> (D&E) Chair Tanya Golash Boza
- Rules and Elections (CRE) Chair Lin Tian
- <u>Committee on Research</u> (CoR)— Chair David Noelle
- Committees (CoC) Chair Rick Dale
- Academic Personnel (CAP) Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
- Academic Planning & Resource Allocation (CAPRA) Chair Mukesh Singhal

IV. Campus Review Items

A. Revised Proposal for a Minor in World Heritage – UGC Chair Zanzucchi

10 min

Members are asked to discuss comments by UGC, CAPRA, and the Provost responding to the revised Proposal for a Minor in World Heritage. The revised proposal addresses <u>DivCo's</u> memo of September 27, 2017.

Actions Requested: 1) Endorse the proposal. 2) Transmit Divisional Council's endorsement to the administration for final approval for implementation.

Comments:

- <u>CAPRA</u> endorsed the proposal following assurances by the SSHA Dean that the program required no additional resources over the next three years.
- <u>UGC</u> unanimously approved the proposal, effective fall 2017. Members offered comments on faculty workload and the program's assessment plan.
- <u>The Provost</u> expressed his continued support for the proposal, noting that the program had addressed to the extent possible four points previously raised.

B. Honors Task Force Report - UGC Chair Zanzucchi

10 min

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the <u>revised Report from the Task</u> <u>Force on University Honors</u>. As described in the VPDUE Whitt's <u>cover letter</u>, the revised report responds to the <u>Senate's review</u> of the Task Force's original report. UGC, CAPRA, and GC are the lead committees for this review.

Actions Requested: 1) Endorse UGC's recommendation to accept the revised *Report from the Task Force on University Honors* and request a proposal for a University Honors Program. 2) Transmit Divisional Council's endorsement and request to the Provost and VPDUE Whitt.

Committee Comments:

- <u>CAPRA</u> supports the revised report, but notes that a resource allocation model is needed for the program, together with clarity on the function of the faculty advisory board, including as relates to its role in resource allocation.
- <u>Cor</u> found the proposal beneficial, but requested a realistic assessment of how a
 University Honors Program would affect highly constrained faculty resources,
 particularly in the form of faculty research time.
- <u>CRE</u> raised concerns about the impact of the program on the teaching load of faculty supporting it, and requested a clear statement on whether non-senate faculty may participate in the program, noting that tenure-track faculty should be given priority.
- <u>D&E</u> endorsed the revised report, and recommended that the future program remain attentive to diversity and equity issues and not disproportionately represent any particular segment of the campus population.
- <u>UGC</u> recommends that Divisional Council accept the report and request that an academic proposal for the University Honor's program be developed.

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, FWAF, and GC

V. Systemwide Review Items

5 Min

A. Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 630.D - CRE Chair Tian

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 630.D, which recognize the Natural Reserve System (NRS) California Ecology and Conservation course as a systemwide course that can satisfy UC's senior residence requirement along with the Education Abroad Program, UC Washington, D.C. Program, and the UC Center in Sacramento Program. The review is intended to engage the Academic Senate in discussion of any issues that may need to be resolved before this proposal is submitted to the Assembly of the Academic Senate. UGC and CRE are the lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Transmit Division Council's response to systemwide Senate Chair Chalfant by March 15, 2017.

Committee Comments: <u>CRE</u> endorsed the proposed revisions.

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, CAPRA, COR, D&E, FWAF, GC, and UGC.

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VI. Library White Space Paper – Vice Chair Schnier

10 Min

Members are asked to discuss <u>LASC's response</u> to <u>DivCo's January 10, 2017 request</u> for additional information prior to endorsing the Library's proposal to return the west wing of Kolligian to the Library.

Actions Requested: 1) Endorse the Library's proposal to return the west wing of Kolligian to the Library; 2) Transmit Divisional Council's endorsement to the Provost.

VII. Discussion Topics for Spring Meeting of Division – Chair Amussen

10 Min

Members are asked to report on, and discuss, committee ideas for discussion topics for the Spring Meeting of the Division appropriate to the presence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the systemwide Senate, the Chancellor, and the Provost.

VIII. Information Items

- UGC revised its CRF policy.
- Results of the Academic Senate Review of proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin (BFB) G-28 Travel Regulations have been transmitted to Vice Provost Carlson.
- <u>UCEP's report</u> summarizing campus policies and best practices for undergraduate student-led courses has been transmitted to President Napolitano.
- <u>Academic Council approved</u> UC Irvine's proposal to establish a self-supporting Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) degree program.
- The University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) has issued a report calling on the University to
 extend health and welfare benefits to the domestic partners of all active UC employees and retirees,
 regardless of gender or age.