

DIVISION COUNCIL

April 20, 2017

12:00– 1:30 PM

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| I. Chair’s Report and Announcements – <i>Chair Amussen</i> | 10 Min |
| A. Chancellor’s Extended Cabinet (4/12) | |
| B. Senate Assembly (4/12) | |
| C. Meeting with Provost and Chancellor (4/18) | |
| D. Meeting of the Division (4/19) | |

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| II. Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| A. Approval of the Agenda | |

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| III. Update: Framework for UC’s Shape and Growth– <i>Vice Chair Schnier</i> | 10 Min |
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On April 17, 2017, UC Merced representatives attended a systemwide meeting to discuss the Framework project, following submission of campus scenarios in late March. UC Merced’s scenario for 20,000 student FTE at 2040 is [here](#).

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| IV. Campus Review Items | 20 Min |
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- A. **Proposal for a Major in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies – *Chair Amussen***

Members are asked to discuss committee and administration comments on the [Proposal for a Major in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies](#). UGC and CAPRA are the lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: 1) Discuss comments. 2) Vote to approve the proposal effective fall 2017. 3) Transmit Divisional Council’s approval to the administration for implementation.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) views the proposal positively, but requests clarification regarding the impact of the program’s new courses on the delivery of existing curriculum, and the need for additional core course sections if enrollment exceeds the projected 20-40 students.
- [D & E](#) endorsed the proposal.
- UGC - PENDING
- [SSHA Executive Committee](#) supports the proposal.

Administration Comments:

- [The Provost](#) requested clarification regarding the impact of the program on existing instructional needs, the program’s dependency on two core faculty, enrollment projections, accommodation of transfer students, and the ability of students to access and complete the curriculum in a timely fashion.

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

B. Proposal for an English Honors Program –UGC Vice Chair Sifuentez

Members are asked to discuss committee and administration comments on the [Proposal for an English Honors Program](#). UGC is the lead committee for this review.

Action Requested: 1) Discuss comments. 2) Vote to approve the proposal for implementation as an honors program. 3) Ask CRE to revise the Division Regulations to address the proposed ability to award high and highest honors.

Committee Comments:

- [UGC](#) approved the proposal, with the caveat that CRE revise Division Regulations to address the awarding of high and highest honors.
- [CAPRA](#) endorsed the proposal following an analysis of the associated resource demands.
- [SSHA Executive Committee](#) supports the proposal.

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

V. FTE Unit Extensions – CAPRA Chair Singhal

10 Min

[In a memo dated March 21, 2017](#), the SSHA Executive Committee requested guidance regarding jurisdiction over senate faculty lines and how decisions are made regarding their home. Members are asked to discuss [CAPRA's response](#).

Action Requested: 1) Discuss CAPRA's recommendations. 2) Determine next steps.

VI. Diversity in Faculty Hiring – FWAF Chair Beaster-Jones

10 Min

Members are asked to discuss [FWAF's statement](#) on the importance of diversity in faculty hiring, and associated request to submit the statement to the Provost.

Action Requested: 1) Discuss FWAF's statement. 2) Endorse transmittal of the statement to the Provost.

VII. Committee Chairs' Reports

20 Min

- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) – Vice Chair Mario Sifuentez
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam
- [Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) – Chair Jayson Beaster-Jones
- [Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) – Chair Tanya Golash Boza (written report)
- [Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) – Chair Lin Tian
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Chair David Noelle
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Rick Dale
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo (written report)
- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Chair Mukesh Singhal