ACADEMIC SENATE - MERCED DIVISION

DIVISION COUNCIL November 3, 2016 12:00–1:30 PM KL 362

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Item

I. Chair's Report and Announcements—Chair Amussen

15 minutes

- **A.** Meeting with the Provost/EVC (10/24)
- **B.** Academic Council (10/26)
- C. UC Merced Extension

II. Consent Calendar

5 minutes

- A. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the October 20, 2016 meeting minutes

III. Committee Chairs' Reports

25 minutes

- Academic Planning & Resource Allocation (CAPRA) Chair Mukesh Singhal
- <u>Academic Personnel</u> (CAP) Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
- Committees (CoC) Chair Rick Dale
- Committee on Research (CoR) Member Ramen Saha
- Rules and Elections (CRE) Chair Lin Tian
- <u>Diversity and Equity</u> (D&E) Member Wei-Chun Chin
- Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF) Chair Jayson Beater-Jones
- Graduate Council (GC) Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam
- Undergraduate Council (UGC) Chair Anne Zanzucchi

IV. Discussion Item: Summer Session Salary Cap Memo – Anne Zanzucchi

20 minutes

<u>The memo</u> from the Deans Council, dated October 27, 2016, outlines a new compensation formula for Summer Sessions. Concerns related to shared governance and academic planning have been raised.

Actions Requested: 1) Discuss the memo and related concerns. 2) Identify next steps, as appropriate.

V. Systemwide Review Items

20 minutes

A. Draft New Presidential Policy on International Activities

As outlined in Provost Dorr's <u>cover letter</u>, a new policy has been proposed to address considerations associated with the "marked increase in global activities by UC campuses." Toward this end, the proposed policy sets forth the underlying principles that should govern activities conducted by UC faculty, students, and staff at foreign sites and in furtherance of UC's global engagement. It also outlines the issues to consider when engaging in such activities, and the approval authority levels for international activity proposals. The proposed policy would supersede the <u>2005 Guidelines for the Establishment of Foreign Affiliate Organizations and Foreign Operations</u>. The lead committees for the review are CoR, UGC, GC, and FWAF.

Actions Requested: 1) Review committee comments. 2) Transmit comments to the systemwide chair by November 18 for discussion at the November 30 meeting of Academic Council.

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Comments:

- COR acknowledged revisions to the policy that responded to feedback on a prior draft, but recommended that clarifying information about mundane international activities be moved into the body of the policy document. COR also expressed concern about the way "risk" is defined in the document, which raised concerns that the policy could interfere with academic freedom by allowing vague concerns over potential future political or financial effects of an international activity to raise unreasonable approval barriers to standard research activities that involve an international component.
- <u>UGC</u> recommends a stronger statement of the UC's commitment to ethics, with the goal of communicating that faculty, students, and staff maintain the same ethical standards abroad and at home.

The following committees appreciated the opportunity to opine, but declined to comment:

- CAP
- CAPRA
- CRE
- D&E
- FWAF
- GC

B. Proposed Revisions to APM 015, APM 016 and Senate Bylaw 336

The proposed revisions to <u>APM 015 and APM 016</u> follow recommendations outlined in the April 4, 2016 <u>report</u> of the *Administration-Senate Joint Committee on Investigation and Adjudication Processes for Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence*. Also proposed are conforming amendments to <u>Senate Bylaw 336</u>, which address the procedures and timelines for Privilege and Tenure proceedings in discipline cases. The lead committees for the review are CAP, D&E, FWAF, P&T, and CRE.

Actions Requested: 1) Review committee comments. 2) Transmit comments to the systemwide chair by November 18 for discussion at the November 30 meeting of Academic Council.

Comments:

- <u>CRE</u> offered recommendations to address potential ambiguities regarding whether the clarified time lines
 for reporting an alleged violation, and separately initiating disciplinary action, apply exclusively to
 allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence or if they apply to allegations of any violation of the
 Faculty Code of Conduct.
- <u>D&E</u> endorsed both sets of revisions, but suggested the language in APM 15 and 16 be made consistent throughout the document with regard to reasons for discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence.

The following committees appreciated the opportunity to opine, but declined to comment:

- CAP
- CAPRA
- CoR
- FWAF
- GC
- P&T
- UGC