UC’s Tripartite Mission

- Teaching
- Research and Scholarly Endeavors
- Service
The Academic Senate of the University of California is acknowledged to be a highly developed and influential faculty government.

It is the vehicle through which University of California faculty share in the operation and management of the University.

The Senate is empowered by UC’s governing body, the Board of Regents, to exercise direct control over academic matters of central importance to the University.
Shared University Governance

- The UC Merced Academic Senate operates as a legislative body and as a system of committees run by and for the faculty.
- Through involvement with the Senate, faculty become part of the larger community and have the opportunity to learn, serve, and lead.
- Shared governance brings with it the responsibility of contributing to the community.
- Faculty must participate in the discussions, analyses, and decisions that will determine the University’s future.
Systemwide Academic Senate

UC Board of Regents

Chair
Systemwide Academic Senate

Academic Council
10 Divisional Senates
Academic Assembly

UC President
Council of Chancellors for 10 Campuses
Senate Councils and Committees

- Teaching/Education
  - Undergraduate Council (UGC)
  - Graduate Council (GC)
- Research/Scholarship
  - Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP)
  - Committee on Research (COR)
- Budget Planning & Resources
  - Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
- Service/Outreach
  - Committee on Committees (CoC)
- Faculty Interests and Rights
  - Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom (FWDAF)
  - Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P & T)
  - Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

http://www.senate.ucmerced.edu/committees
Who are Senate Members?

- The President;
- The Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Provosts, Deans, Directors of Academic Programs, Chief Admissions Officer, Registrar, and University Librarian at Merced;
- Lecturers with Security of Employment, Lecturers with Potential for Security of Employment;
- Academic Senate members holding statewide appointments only, and not enrolled in another Division, who choose to enroll in this Division by informing the Secretary of the Division.
- Membership does not lapse because of leave of absence or transfer to emeritus status. The Committee on Rules and Elections determines whether a person meets the requirements for membership.
UCM Academic Senate
What are the Faculty Responsible For?

- Setting admissions criteria
- Authorizing, approving and supervising all courses, curricula, and academic programs
- Determining degree requirements
- Advising the administration on faculty appointments and promotions
- Advising the administration on budget and financial planning
Relationship between Faculty Senate and Administration

**Senate**
- Parliamentary
- Principal oversight of
  - Teaching
  - Research/Scholarship
  - Service
- Advises Chancellor on campus budgets and strategic planning
- Assesses faculty accomplishments, rights
- Collaborates with Chancellor and other administrators

**Administration**
- Executive
- Create and sustain a facilitative infrastructure
- Finances
  - Budget
  - Merit Increases/Raises
  - Spending
  - Accountability
- Hiring, promotions, firing
- Collaborates with Senate Chair and Senate bodies/committees

The diagram illustrates the key roles and responsibilities of the Faculty Senate and Administration, highlighting areas of interaction and responsibility.
2014-2015 Senate Leadership

Jian-Qiao Sun, Chair
Cristián Ricci, Vice Chair
Raymond Gibbs, CAP Chair (UCSC)
Anne Kelley, CAPRA Chair
Patricia LiWang, CoC Chair
Peter Vanderschraaf, CRE Chair*
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Kathleen Hull, GC Chair
Rudy Ortiz, FWDAF Chair
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