Who are Senate Members?

Membership of the Academic Senate is defined by Standing Order of the Regents 105.1. UC Merced Senate Members include:

- The President;
- The Chancellor, Ladder Faculty, Vice Chancellors, Provosts, Deans, Directors of Academic Programs, Chief Admissions Officer, Registrar, and University Librarian at Merced;
What is the Academic Senate?

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.
Faculty Senate Roles & Responsibilities

- 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
Shared University Governance

- Legislative body of the UC faculty
- System of committees run by and for the faculty
- Operates and connects the campus and systemwide levels
- Shared governance brings with it the responsibility of contributing to the community
- Faculty participates in the discussions, analyses, and decisions that will determine the University’s future
Senate Councils and Committees

- Teaching/Education
  - Undergraduate Council (UGC)
  - Graduate Council (GC)
- Research/Scholarship
  - Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP)
  - Committee on Research (COR)
  - Library and Scholarly Communications Committee (LASC)
- 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 and Academic Freedom (FWAF)
  - Committee for Diversity and Equity (D&E)
  - Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P & T)
  - Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

http://www.senate.ucmerced.edu/committees
Key Committees to Remember

- Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP)
- Undergraduate Council (UGC)
- Graduate Council (GC)
- Committee on Research (COR)
- Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF)
Relationship between Faculty Senate and Administration

**Senate**
- Parliamentary
- Principal oversight of
  - Teaching
  - Research/Scholarship
  - Service

**Administration**
- Executive
- Create and sustain a facilitative infrastructure
2016-2017 Senate Leadership

Susan Amussen, Chair
Kurt Schnier, Vice Chair
Ignacio López-Calvo, CAP Chair
Mukesh Singhal, CAPRA Chair
TBD, CoC Chair
Lin Tian, CRE Chair*
David Noelle, COR Chair
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Ramesh Balasubramaniam, GC Chair
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Tanya Golash-Boza, D&E Chair
Anne Zanzucchi, UGC Chair
Patti LiWang, At-Large Member
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