

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

October 9, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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Call-in Information: 1-866-740-1260, Access Code: 7244512

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| I. | Chair’s Report & Announcements – <i>Chair Amussen</i> | 10 Min |
| | A. Academic Council (9/27) | |
| | B. Meetings with Provost (10/2, 10/9) | |
| | C. Academic Planning Work Group (9/29, 10/3) | |
| II. | Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| | A. Approval of the Agenda | |
| III. | 2020 Update - <i>Richard Cummings, Director, Strategic Communications</i> | 15 Min |
| IV. | Master of Management PDST Application – <i>CAPRA Chair Singhal</i> | 10 Min |
| | Graduate Council , CAPRA , and the Provost support the application for professional degree supplemental tuition (PDST) for the program leading to a Master of Management offered by the Graduate Group in Management of Innovation, Sustainability, and Technology. CAPRA’s memos supporting the PDST , and separately to the Provost addressing institutional planning for PDST programs, follow the program’s response to questions raised by CAPRA. The application includes a cover letter , the Multiyear PDST Plan , and the tables embedded in the Multiyear Plan as a separate Excel file . | |
| | Action Requested: Endorse the application for transmittal to the administration. | |
| V. | Campus Review Items | 15 Min |
| | A. UC Merced Sustainability Strategic Plan – <i>UGC Chair Zanzucchi</i> | |
| | Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the draft UC Merced Sustainability Strategic Plan . GC, UGC, and CoR are the lead committees for this review. | |
| | Actions Requested: 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Transmit Divisional Council’s response to the Associate Chancellor Putney. | |
| | Committee Comments: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC recommended revisions addressing financial sustainability, curriculum, involvement of the humanities, and the academic sustainability goal. • UGC offered comments related to curriculum and community engagement. • CoR suggested adding descriptions of organizations involved in pursuing the plan’s goals, and encouraged analysis of the resources required to pursue sustainability goals. • CAPRA endorsed the principles outlined in this plan, but desired discussion of the resources being allocated to meet the objectives and the net costs to the campus relative to alternative resource allocations. • NSEC recommended reconciliation of the definitions of the Sustainability Strategic Plan | |

and Climate Action Plans, and offered several suggestions for refinements to the plans.

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

B. [UC Merced Climate Action Plan](#) – *CAPRA Chair Singhal*

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the draft [UC Merced Climate Action Plan](#). CAPRA is the lead committees for this review.

Actions Requested: 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Transmit Divisional Council’s response to the Associate Chancellor Putney.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) - As for the Sustainability Strategic Plan, CAPRA endorsed the principles outlined in this plan, but desired discussion of the resources being allocated to meet the objectives and the net costs to the campus relative to alternative resource allocations.
- [NSEC](#) – As for the Sustainability Strategic Plan, NSEC recommended reconciliation of the definitions of the Sustainability Strategic Plan and Climate Action Plans, and offered several suggestions for refinements the plans.
- [CoR](#) recommended the plan articulate a process for Senate consultation going forward, and include contributions of faculty who conduct climate research.
- [UGC](#) offered suggestions related to reducing the campus’ transportation-related carbon footprint, integrating research and education into the plan, and pursuing synergies between this and the Sustainability Strategic Plan.

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

VI. [Cattle Grazing and Vernal Pool Reserve](#) – *CoR Vice Chair Marcia*

10 Min

On behalf of the Senate, and following [faculty request](#), CoR was asked to review the report entitled [Comparative Grazing Practices between Dairy Cattle and Beef Cattle and the Need to Change Management Practices on the Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve](#), authored by Reserve Director Monique Kolster. CoR requests DivCo’s endorsement of [its recommendation](#) on this topic.

Action Requested: Endorse CoR’s memo for transmittal to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development.

VII. Committee Chairs’ Reports

15 Min

- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Chair Mukesh Singhal
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo (written report)
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Tom Hansford
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Vice Chair Roummel Marcia
- [Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) – Chair Lin Tian
- [Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) – Chair Wei-Chun Chin
- [Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) – Chair Sean Malloy
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Teamrat Ghezzehei
- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) – Chair Anne Zanzucchi

VIII. Informational Items

- 9/25/2017: [FWAF wrote to](#) Associate Chancellor Putney regarding a policy being drafted on free speech and external speakers. The policy will ultimately be issued to the campus for review.
- 9/26/2017: The [Provost responded](#) to DivCo's recommendation to endorse the Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest.
- 10/2/2017: The [Academic Council sent to President Napolitano](#) a set of principles to guide options for redirecting funds to enrollment in response to the 2017 Budget Act.
- 10/5/2017: [The Academic Council endorsed, and forwarded to President Napolitano](#), letters from the University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) and its Task Forces on Investment and Retirement (TFIR) and Health Care (HCTF), in support of a plan for maintaining UC retiree health benefits.