



**SPRING MEETING OF THE MERCED DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021
2:00 P.M.– 3:30 P.M.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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| I. | CHAIR’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – <i>Division Chair Robin DeLugan</i> | 5 MIN |
| II. | CONSENT CALENDAR ¹ | 5 MIN |
| | A. Approval of the Agenda | |
| | B. Approval of Draft Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Meeting of the Division | |
| III. | CAMPUS UPDATE – <i>Chancellor Muñoz & EVC/Provost Camfield</i> | 20 MIN |
| IV. | DIVISIONAL SENATE BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS | 15 MIN |
| | <i>CRE Chair, Secretary/Parliamentarian Christopher Viney</i> | |
| | A. Proposed Amendments to Divisional Senate Bylaws | |
| | Background for the proposed revisions is provided in the February 25, 2020 and November 20, 2020 memos from the Committee on Rules and Elections, and from the Senate Chair. | |
| | The proposed amendments were distributed to campus stakeholders on March 23, 2021 with comments requested by April 12, 2021. Proposed revised Bylaws are available below and reflect the April 19 addition of a section related to Diversity (p. 4 of redlined copy) and AFAC’s proposal to change the term of service of the AFAC Chair from two years to one year. | |
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| | Action Requested: The Merced Division votes to endorse the proposed amendments to the Senate Bylaws. If approved, these amendments will be effective June 14, 2021. | |
| | B. Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulations | |
| | i Part IV (Master’s Degree Requirements), Section 3.A | |
| | ii Part V (Doctor of Philosophy Requirements), Sections 3.A and 4 | |

Background: Graduate Council (GC) has [proposed](#) these amendments to address requests from multiple campus units to enable Professional Researchers to chair student committees (thesis, candidacy, and dissertation).

¹ Agenda items deemed non-controversial by the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Division, in consultation with the Divisional Council, may be placed on a Consent Calendar under Special Orders. Should the meeting not attain a quorum, the Consent Calendar would be taken as approved. (Quorum = the lesser of 40% or 50 members of the Division.) At the request of any Divisional member, any Consent Calendar item is extracted for consideration under “New Business” later in the agenda. Christopher Viney, Secretary/Parliamentarian.

CRE discussed the proposed amendments and [offered some suggestions](#), for consideration by GC. CRE's comments (page 4) and GC's response (page 1) are available [here](#).

Proposed amendments are available [here](#).

Requested Action: The Merced Division votes to endorse the aforementioned proposed amendments to the Regulations. If approved, these amendments will be effective June 14, 2021.

iii Part IV (Master's Degree Requirements), [Section 1](#) (Residency Requirement)

Background: Graduate Council has proposed this amendment to address the request from the Graduate Division to remove a clause that incorrectly references SR 686 to require a minimum period of study of one semester in-residence between formal advancement to candidacy and the conferring of the Master's degree.

Proposed amendments are available [here](#) (page 2)

Requested Action: The Merced Division votes to endorse the aforementioned proposed amendments to the Regulations. If approved, these amendments will be effective June 14, 2021.

- V. **SUPPORT OF SERVICE FOR UNDOCUMENTED SCHOLARS AT UC MERCED¹:**
[ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORK GROUP](#) – Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Nies 5 MIN
- VI. **ANNOUNCEMENT: AY 21-22 DIVISION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – CoC Chair Chin** 5 MIN
- VII. **STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORTS – Chair DeLugan** 5 MIN
A summary of Senate Committees' Business this Spring is available [here](#).
- [Admissions and Financial Aid Committee](#), Chair Abbas Ghassemi
[Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#), Chair Patti LiWang
[Committee on Academic Personnel](#), Chair Ashlie Martini
[Reserve Committee on Academic Personnel](#), Chair Tanya Golash-Boza
[Committee on Committees](#), Chair Wei-Chun Chin
[Committee on Diversity and Equity](#), Chair Jesus Sandoval-Hernandez
[Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#), Chair Carolin Frank
[Committee on Research](#), Chair Kara McCloskey
[Committee on Rules and Elections](#), Chair Christopher Viney
[Graduate Council](#), Chair Hrant Hratchian
[Library and Scholarly Communication Committee](#), Chair Maria DePrano
[Undergraduate Council](#), Chair Matt Hibbing
- VIII. **QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH SENATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP** 10 MIN
- IX. **SENATE AWARDS** 15 MIN
[Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Senate Faculty](#)
[Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Non-Senate Faculty](#)
[Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award](#)
[Distinguished Early Career Research Award](#)
[Distinction in Research Award](#)
[Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award](#)

¹ Please see 2018 Senate Resolution: <https://ucmerced.box.com/s/hb7dwqlouiqcsjgr4d9cstci9biiix6c>

[Excellence in Faculty Mentorship Award](#)
[Senate Award for Contributions to Diversity](#)
[Dr. Fred Spiess Award for Distinguished Service to the Academic Senate](#)

X. PETITION OF STUDENTS [NONE]

XI. NEW BUSINESS

5 MIN

Glossary of [UC Merced](#) and [Systemwide](#) Academic Senate Committee Acronyms

AFAC – Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
CAP - Committee on Academic Personnel
CAPRA - Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation
CoC - Committee on Committees
COR - Committee on Research
CRE - Committee on Rules and Elections
D&E - Diversity and Equity
DivCo - Divisional Council
FWAF - Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom
GC - Graduate Council
LASC - Library and Scholarly Communication
P&T - Privilege and Tenure
RCAP – Reserve Committee on Academic Personnel
UGC - Undergraduate Council

BOARS - Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools
CCGA - Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs
COUNCIL - Academic Council
UCAADE - University Committee on Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Equity
UCACC - University Committee on Academic Computing and Communications
UCAF - University Committee on Academic Freedom
UCAP - University Committee on Academic Personnel
UCEP - University Committee on Educational Policy
UCFW - University Committee on Faculty Welfare
UCIE - University Committee on International Education
UCOC - University Committee on Committees
UCOLASC - University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
UCOPE - University Committee on Preparatory Education
UCORP - University Committee on Research Policy
UCPB - University Committee on Planning and Budget
UCPT - University Committee on Privilege and Tenure
UCRJ - University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction