

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

Agenda

Monday, April 20, 2020

12:00-1:30pm

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*Supporting Documents available on [Box](#)
[Committee Bylaws](#)*

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| I. | Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield | 15min |
| II. | Consent Calendar
A. The Agenda
B. March 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes
C. Revised Bylaw I.III.5 Divisional Representatives ¹ | 5min |
| III. | Chair’s Announcements – Tom Hansford
A. Academic Council Updates
B. Senior Leadership Team Meetings
C. Meeting with Interim Chancellor Brostrom and EVC/Provost Camfield (April 13, 2020)
D. Deans’ Council Meeting (April 14, 2020)
E. Assembly of the Academic Senate (April 15, 2020) | 15min |
| IV. | Discussion: Planning for Fall 2020 Instruction
Chair Hansford will present a range of scenarios for Fall 2020 and invite comments from DivCo members.

Action: Discuss and determine next steps, as relevant. | 15 min |
| V. | Update from UGC Chair Sharping: Final Exam Guidance
The proposed policy was discussed at the March 30 DivCo meeting and was revised following the March 30 DivCo discussion.

Action: Discuss revised policy and agree on next steps. | 5min |
| VI. | CoR’s Research Enhancement Proposal – CoR Chair Scheibner
CoR is proposing a two-part initiative that aims at restructuring and enriching campus-wide research support. The proposal was reviewed by the School Deans, VPDGE Zatz, and Graduate Council. Their comments and endorsements are available here.

Actions:
i. Members discuss CoR’s Proposal and associated comments.
ii. Members discuss next steps outlined in CoR’s memo: | 15min |

¹ Once approved, these Bylaw amendments will be included in the May 7 Meeting of the Division agenda.

- Incorporate the suggestions made by the Deans, VPDGE Zatz, Graduate Council, and Divisional Council
- Present the Initiative to the Interim Chancellor, the EVC/Provost, and the APAPB.

VII. Systemwide Review Item**5 min****A. Revised Presidential Policy, Travel Regulations – FWAF Chair Frank**

The current version of the policy is posted here: <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/3420365/BFB-G-28>

Main revisions consist of the following:

- a) Incorporation of the Internal Audit Recommendations regarding documentation necessary to support first or business class travel, and the need to document the business purpose of each day of the trip;
- b) Update the policy for the new IRS business mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2020;
- c) Substitution of gender-neutral language throughout the policy;
- d) Addition of a new section on sustainable travel; and
- e) Clarification of what is included in the foreign per diem and link to the Department of State website in Appendix B.

Lead review committees: CoR, FWAF, GC, and the School Executive Committees.

FWAF [endorsed](#) the proposed revisions. CoR, GC, and the School Executive Committees declined to comment.

Requested Action: Transmit DivCo's comments to Systemwide Senate Chair Bhavnani by May 20, 2020.

VIII. Discussion Item: Chairs' Reports**5min**

Committee chairs' reports will be circulated to members by email. Members are invited to follow-up on any reported items.

IX. Informational Items**5min**

- Graduate Council's Approval of the [Emergency Continuity Policy granting program requirements flexibility](#) to Graduate Groups (April 14, 2020)
- Academic Council's Endorsements:
 - UCOPE and UCEP temporary modification of [SR 636.C](#) to [allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the ELWR in Spring 2020](#) (4/16/20)
 - UCFW's Letter re: [Availability and Cost of Child Care](#) (4/15/20)
 - UCPB's Letter re: [Graduate Student Funding](#) (4/13/2020)
 - UCFW request for additional information from the Working Group about its proposal for a [comprehensive paid family leave program](#) for UC faculty and staff (4/6/20)
 - Statement on [Course Materials for Remote Teaching](#) (4/2/20)
 - Recommendation from UCFW and its Task Force on Investment and Retirement (TFIR) to support a proposal from the Office of the CIO to [add qualified longevity annuity contracts \(QLACs\) to the UC Retirement Savings Program Pathway fund](#) (4/2/20)
 - BOARS Letters re: [Temporary Modification of Existing Admission Requirements](#) (3/27/20)
 - UCEP's Letter re: [Divisional flexibility for grading options during winter quarter and spring quarter/semester 2020](#) (3/19/20)
- LASC/CoR joint [letter to the Office of Science and Technology Policy](#) (OSTP)

X. Other Business**5min**