

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

REVISED Agenda

Friday, March 12, 2021

10:00-11:30am

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- I. Consultation with VPDUE Frey and Interim VPDGE Kello {10:00-10:20am}**
- II. Chair’s Report – Robin DeLugan {10:20-10:25am}**
- A. AY 21-22 Senate Leadership
 - B. C-19 Cabinet Meetings
 - C. February 24 Academic Council Meeting
 - D. Meeting with the EVC/Provost and the Chancellor (Feb. 26)
- III. Vice Chair’s Report {10:25-10:30am}**
- A. C-19 Cabinet Meeting (March 11)
- IV. Consent Calendar {10:30-10:35}**
- A. Approval of today’s agenda
 - B. Approval of the February 19 Meeting Minutes
- V. Proposed Amendment to Thondapu Family Endowed Chair in Bioengineering – Vice Chair Westerling {10:35-10:40am}**

The Department of Philanthropy & Strategic Partnerships has requested the review and approval of proposed amendments to the terms of the Thondapu Family Endowed Chair in Bioengineering. The amendments change the scope and name of the Chair to Medical Education and support cross-disciplinary, collaborative research among all schools.

The SNS and the SOE Executive Committees have endorsed the proposed amendment.

Requested Actions:

- Vice Chair Westerling presents his analysis
- Members vote to approve proposed amendments for transmittal to the Department of Philanthropy and Strategic Partnerships

VI. UC Merced Presidential Chair in Humanities II – Vice Chair Westerling {10:40-10:45am}

The Department of Philanthropy & Strategic Partnerships has requested the Senate review and approval of the UC Merced Presidential Chair in Humanities II. Per procedure, the Senate Vice Chair reviews the proposal on behalf of Divisional Council, in consultation with the Chairs of the relevant School Executive Committee. The Vice Chair then share their analysis with DivCo for action. Actions may include approval, comment and/or electing to solicit input from committees.

SSHA EC Chair Comments:

“I have consulted with the SSHA EC, and there are no perceived problems with the proposed Presidential Chair in the Humanities. Our one suggestion is that there be a different name than Presidential Chair in the Humanities 2, to avoid ranking faculty members appointed to chairs. Whether it is named by the donor after someone they admire, or just the Presidential Foundation Chair in the Humanities, we’ve got to get more imaginative with names!”


Requested Actions:


- Vice Chair Westerling presents his analysis
- DivCo transmits its recommendation/approval to the Department of Philanthropy and Strategic Partnerships.

VII. Systemwide Review Item – {10:45-10:55am} – CAPRA Chair LiWang

 Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy Purchases of Goods and Services Supply Chain Management

Background is provided in the January 15, 2021 letter from Associate Vice President and Chief Procurement Office.

 Draft revised Presidential Policy BFP-BUS-43 Purchase of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management (clean copy)

 Draft revised Presidential Policy BFP-BUS-43 Purchase of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management (redline copy)

The proposed revisions aim to include the **Small Business First Program**. This program is designed to address the following:

- i. Support existing policy for awarding 25% Economically and Socially Responsible (EaSR) spend annually to small and diverse owned businesses (see **UC Sustainable Practices Policy**)
- ii. Take advantage of California Public Contract Code Section 10508.5 that allows the University to award purchase agreements valued up to \$250,000 to a certified small business without being competitively bid, so long as the UC obtains price quotations from two or more certified small businesses
- iii. Bring procurement practices further in line with the University’s overall mission and values
- iv. Strengthen the small business community, which is the engine of California’s economy, given that 99.8% of California’s businesses are small and employ 48.8% of California’s private workforce. For every \$100 spent at a small business, approximately \$68 stays in California
- v. Prepare UC to lead the way in California’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. Statewide, as of November 25, 2020, the number of small businesses decreased by 30.7% compared to January. As the third largest employer in the State, UC supports 1 in 46 of all California jobs and contributes \$32.8B annually to gross state product. Additional spend from UC could be the lifeline small businesses need to survive and thrive.

The SB First Program also includes the following:

- Exclusions for UC Health as well as Design & Construction
- Exemption for federally funded purchases

Comments

- CAPRA
- CoR
- LASC

Requested Action: Transmit DivCo’s comments to Academic Council Chair Gauvain by March 23, 2021.

VIII. Proposed Amendments to UCM Senate Regulations – CRE Chair Viney {10:55-11:00am}

Master’s Degree Requirement Part IV, Section 3.A, Master’s Degree Requirement

Doctor of Philosophy Requirements Part V, Sections 3.A and 4

Background: Graduate Council has proposed these amendments to address requests from multiple campus units to enable Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) researchers (whose official title is Cooperative Extension Specialist) on campus to chair student committees (thesis, candidacy, and dissertation). The initial requests were made to the Graduate Council in Spring 2020.

CRE discussed the proposed amendments and offered some suggestions, for consideration by GC. CRE’s comments are available on page 4. GC’s response is on page 1.

Requested Action: DivCo endorses the proposed Regulations amendments for consideration at the May 4 Meeting of the Division. **Proposed amendments are available here.**

IX. UCM Bylaw Revisions – CRE Chair Viney {11:00 – 11:25am}

One of CRE’s priorities for AY 20-21, proposed at the Governance Retreat, was to achieve clear and inclusive language in the Senate Bylaws so that the campus/Senate can truly offer a welcoming, inclusive environment for all scholars. On February 25, 2020, standing Senate Committees were invited to review their respective committee Bylaws.

Please see CRE’s Feb 25 request here and the Senate Chair Nov. 20, 2020 request here.

Please see Draft Diversity Preamble:

- **Redlined copy**
 - **Clean copy**
- A. Senate Committee’s Comments received in AY 19-20:
- 1) CAPRA (March 25, 2020)
 - a. Memo
 - b. Revised Bylaws (redlined copy)
 - c. Revised Bylaws (clean copy)
 - 2) COR (March 20, 2020)
 - a. Memo
 - b. Revised Bylaws (redlined copy)
 - c. Revised Bylaws (clean copy)
 - 3) D&E
 - a. Memo (March 3, 2020)
 - b. Revised Bylaws (redlined copy)
 - c. Revised Bylaws (clean copy)
 - 4) FWAF
 - a. Memo (March 20, 2020)

- b. Revised Bylaws (redlined copy)
 - c. Revised Bylaws (clean copy)
- 5) GC
 - a. Memo (March 20, 2020)
 - b. Revised Bylaws (redlined copy)
 - c. Revised Bylaws (clean copy)
 - 6) RCAP
 - a. Memo (March 25, 2020)
 - b. Revised Bylaws (redlined copy)
 - c. Revised Bylaws (clean copy)
 - 7) LASC
 - a. Memo (March 20, 2020. No revisions)
- B. Senate Committees' Comments received in AY 20-21
- 1) D&E (Jun. 26, 2020 and Dec. 4, 2020)
 - 2) COC (Nov. 19, 2020)
 - 3) CAP (Dec 4, 2020. No revisions but supports a Senate statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion)
 - 4) CAPRA (Dec 4, 2020. Revisions supersede the March 25, 2020 CAPRA proposed revisions)
 - 5) CoR (Dec. 4, 2020. Revisions supersede the March 20, 2020 CoR proposed revisions)
 - 6) FWAf (Dec. 4, 2020)
 - 7) GC (Dec. 4, 2020)
 - 8) RCAP (Dec 4, 2020. No proposed revisions but supports a Senate statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion)
- C. CRE's Proposed Revisions to the UCM Bylaws:
- 1) Redlined copy
 - 2) Clean copy

PDF versions of the Bylaws are available here.

Requested Actions:

- Members discuss proposed Diversity preamble and determine whether it should be included in the UC Merced Bylaws. If there is consensus to include the preamble, members review proposed preamble, edit as needed, and endorse.
- Members endorse proposed UC Merced Senate Bylaw revisions.
- The revised Bylaws will be distributed to campus stakeholders and considered at the May 4 Meeting of the Division.

X. Other Business {11:25-11:30am}