

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022

Attendees: Chair LeRoy Westerling, Vice Chair Patti LiWang, Christopher Viney, Kevin Mitchell, Erin Hestir, Holley Moyes, Jason Sexton, Jesus Sandoval-Hernandez, David Jennings, Martin Hagger, Min Hwan Lee, Justin Yeakel, Jeff Butler

I. Chair’s Report – LeRoy Westerling

A. Assembly Meeting (April 13)

Modified pro and con language was discussed with regard to the Memorial to the Regents on the climate crisis.

B. UCOP Budget Meeting (April 15)

As a result of pressure from the state legislature, some UC campuses have in the past overenrolled students. The state is not funding those thousands of students. Given the current, very positive state budget outlook, the UC is proposing to the legislature to enroll an additional 20,000 students across the system over the next eight years but is requesting to be paid for those students who are already enrolled and not funded by the state. There is currently pressure from the legislature to enroll an additional 6,000 students next year; the state will not agree to pay for the previously-enrolled students unless the UC agrees to the 6,000 new student target. The UC campuses will not reach this target for next year as offer letters have already been issued. It may take 2-3 years to reach the 6,000 increased enrollment target.

C. Reminder-Spring Meeting of the Division – May 12, 2:00-3:30pm

- Senate Executive Director Paul reminded Divisional Council members that the winners of all Senate awards will be announced at the Meeting of the Division.
- The location of the Meeting of the Division will be announced to all Senate members shortly.

D. Senate Chair Westerling announced that EVC/Provost Camfield issued a letter to the School deans recently regarding increased allocations for new faculty hires. Allocations are increased for household moving expenses, professional office moves, house hunting trips, and MOP Loans.

II. Vice Chair’s Report – Patti LiWang

- The May 5 Divisional Council meeting will include a discussion of the Gallo School pre-proposal. The Senate recently issued a communication to the faculty that invited them to send their individual comments to the Senate Vice Chair, Senate Parliamentarian/CRE Chair, and the Senate Executive Director. Some comments have been received and are available for Divisional Council members on Box.
- Three polls were issued from the Senate office this morning to each of the three Schools on the Gallo School pre-proposal.
- The Senate received a memo from the new Vice Chancellor & Chief Diversity Officer (VC/CDO) on the Gallo School pre-proposal. However, the pre-proposal and all associated documents has already been sent to Senate committees and School Executive Committees on April 1 and those committees are already reviewing. The Senate responded to the VC/CDO to inform her that while it is too late in the process to send her memo to Senate committees and

- School Executive Committees, her memo was shared with Divisional Council and Council will consider it when it discusses the Gallo School pre-proposal.

In response to a Divisional Council member's question about the timeline of the review process, Senate Vice Chair LiWang explained that if the Gallo School pre-proposal is approved by the campus to move forward, the campus administration will transmit the pre-proposal to the systemwide Senate. The pre-proposal would be reviewed at the systemwide level in fall 2022. Director of the Division of Management and Information Paul Maglio hopes to submit the final proposal by December 2022.

EDI Chair Sandoval-Hernandez asked if he could share the VC/CDO's memo with the EDI committee and Senate Vice Chair LiWang confirmed this is possible.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. The Agenda
- B. April 7 Meeting Minutes

Action: the Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

IV. Consultation with VCSA Nies

VCSA Nies presented a series of slides to update Divisional Council on the Campus and Community Safety Plan.

Guidelines that inform campus planning:

- Community and Service-Driven Safety
- A Holistic, Inclusive and Tiered Response Model for Safety Services
- Transparency and Continuous Improvement Through Data
- Accountability and Independent Oversight

VCSA Nies then discussed the implementation framework around the aforementioned guidelines. UCOP will form a systemwide workgroup that includes students, faculty and staff to recommend uniform, armament and vehicle standards for every tier in the safety model including for police officers, public safety officers and student community officers.

The next steps include:

- Regular reports and UCOP dashboard updates
- Establish a website for campus updates
- Host series of campus outreach sessions

Action: Senate Chair Westerling asked Divisional Council members to send any questions to Senate Executive Director Paul who will forward them to VCSA Nies. VCSA Nies will send Senate Executive Director Paul his presentation slides and she will share them with Divisional Council.

V. Update on LASC and UCOLASC - LASC Chair DePrano

Due to time constraints at the April 7 Divisional Council meeting, LASC Chair DePrano was unable to complete her UCOLASC updates. She finished the updates in today's meeting:

- Academic Council recently endorsed UCOLASC's statement that asked UCOP to permanently reinstate funding for the California Digital Library Collections budget.
- Office of Scholarly Communications is creating a DEI in Scholarly Publishing webpage to help UC scholars better support DEI.
- UC Berkeley (HathiTrust ETAS) conducted an experiment in which they received access to scanned books that were still in copyright. After scanning the books, they pulled the physical versions off the library shelves and made the digital version available to UC Berkeley faculty and students.
- UC San Diego established the Affordable/Open Course Materials initiative as part of that campus's broader Affordable Learning initiative. The main goal is to promote equitable access to course materials. LASC Chair DePrano pointed out that first generation college students are disadvantaged with regard to accessing course materials, including the purchasing of access codes for homework.
- LASC Chair DePrano reminded Divisional Council members that the UC Merced Library remains underfunded and understaffed.

Divisional Council members advised LASC Chair DePrano to contact the campus bookstore and obtain data on which course materials in which majors are the most expensive. Senate Chair Westerling added that that would also be useful data for UGC and GC. UGC Chair Moyes informed LASC Chair DePrano that the campus bookstore links faculty's textbooks to Cat Courses so students can purchase the materials in that way, but she is unclear how the materials get charged to students (to the Pell grants?).

Action: LASC Chair DePrano will work with the campus bookstore on data collection on the expense of course materials.

VI. Consultation with VPDUE Frey

VPDUE Frey gave a presentation on the impact on students attending classes remotely. She worked with IRDS and OIT to collect data on a fall 2021 undergraduate attendance/engagement analysis. One of the questions she posed was, does a student's proximity to campus when they access campus services have an associate with student outcomes? Using Duo log in information, VPDUE Frey found that as proximity/engagement increased, so too did positive student success outcomes.

VPDUE Frey then shared with Divisional Council a graph of the end of fall 2021 GPA (term and cumulative) by proximity/engagement group and a graph showing end of term good standing and retention/graduation rate by proximity/engagement. She then shared student feedback on modality.

Some Divisional Council members were concerned with the use of Duo to track students and possibly faculty. VPDUE Frey responded that she did not have access to identifiable student information when IRDS and OIT were assisting her with this project.

VII. Campus Review Items**A. Revised English Major and Minor Proposal (effective Fall 2023) - UGC Chair Moyes**

Today's agenda included hyperlinks to the proposed revisions and UGC's approval (Senate and administrative comments were appended to UGC's memo).

UGC Chair Moyes summarized the proposed revisions and UGC's comments. Divisional Council members had no objections to the proposed revisions to the English Major and Minor.

A motion was made to endorse UGC's approval of the proposed revisions to the English Major and Minor. The motion was seconded, and the vote passed unanimously.

Action: The proposal will be transmitted to the administration for consideration.

B. New MAPP 283 – Lecturer and Senior Lecturer – FWAF Chair Jennings

The new MAPP 283 will supersede the current MAPP 3101, 3103 and 3104.

Hyperlinked on today's agenda was the proposed MAPP section 283 and comments from a Senate committee and the Non-Senate Academics Council (NSAC).

FWAF Chair Jennings summarized for Divisional Council that the MAPP is being revised to conform to the new MOU with non-Senate lecturers. However, he called Divisional Council's attention to the NSAC memo and raised a concern that their request for more support and incentives for non-Senate faculty to conduct research and service would be tantamount to an unfunded mandate. Furthermore, those additional activities could potentially be used as criteria in their reviews which would not be appropriate. This may raise legal and contractual issues.

Divisional Council members suggested that Council confine their review to the proposed new MAPP section, per the request from APO.

Action: FWAF Chair Jennings will contact Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Personnel Kelly Anders to request a meeting with Senate Chair Westerling and Senate Vice Chair LiWang to discuss the implications of the proposed MAPP revisions.

VIII. Other Business

- A Divisional Council member asked about the impact of increased systemwide student enrollment on UC Merced. Senate Chair Westerling replied that UC Merced would still be mandated to increase enrollment, but the timing may change, i.e. a longer timeframe to reach the target.
- UGC Chair Moyes reminded Divisional Council members that the proposal to establish a campus honors program was issued to Senate committees and School Executive Committees. The deadline for comments is May 9. A special Divisional Council meeting may be held on May 10 to discuss the proposal. The Meeting of the Division will be held on May 12.
- Senate Chair Westerling received a request for input on Unit 18 lecturer participation in Commencement activities. Divisional Council members were supportive of their participation.
- Divisional Council members discussed the earlier presentation by VPDUE Frey on student engagement in remote learning. The lack of student engagement is problematic, and students are not learning as much as they normally would with in-person instruction.

- Senate Chair Westerling announced that his department is using its excess funds to purchase a mobile tech cart for remote instruction and presentations with out of town guests rather than relying on OIT's hardware. FWAF Chair Jennings stated that he uses a portable cell phone stand/tablet holder that works well for remote and hybrid instruction. He will share the link with Divisional Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Attest: LeRoy Westerling, Senate Chair