

DIVISION COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, February 29, 2012
TIME 9:00-11:00am
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Item

I. Chair's Report - Susan Amussen

Academic Assembly (2/15)

Chancellor's Cabinet (2/21)

Academic Council (2/22)

Meeting with the EVC (2/24)

Meeting with Interim CIO Faust Gorham (2/24)

EVC Search

Senate Election Nominations

Events currently being scheduled:

- Campus Climate Survey- presented by CAPRA Chair Nella Van Dyke
- Online Education Pilot Project (OIPP)- Vice Provost Greenstein and Faculty Associate Williams
- Budget Forum- with Chancellor Leland and EVC/Provost Alley
- Forum on Memorial

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the agenda

B. Approval of the February 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

III. Shared Governance

[School of Natural Sciences- Bylaws](#)

[School of Engineering- Bylaws](#)

[School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts- Bylaws](#)

Discussion: Shared governance at the School level and CRE response to VC O'Day's request to review the SNS Bylaws.

IV. Graduate Program Review Policy and Procedures

GRC has made the minor revisions recommended by DivCo.

Action: Review and approve the recommended changes made by the GRC.

V. Course Credit Hour Policy

GRC has endorsed the policy amended by UGC.

Action: Approve policy

VI. Academic Honesty Policy

Discussion: UGC Chair Camfield has requested guidance regarding the revision of the UC Merced Academic Honesty Policy. What is the purpose of the Academic Honesty Policy? What kind of approach and tone does the Senate want for the Policy?

VII. Administrative Guest

Discussion: Chancellor Leland will be in attendance at the March 14 Division Council meeting. Discuss topics for the agenda.

VIII. Systemwide Review Items**[Review of the University of California Observatories](#)**

At its meeting on January 25, the Academic Council held an initial discussion of the review of the UC Observatories based on comments it received from the UCORP, UCPB, and CCGA. Council is soliciting further input from the Senate divisions to ensure that the perspectives of the astronomy faculty are considered.

CAPRA and GRC declined to opine. Professor Wil van Breugel responded on behalf of the UC Merced Physics faculty.

Comments due to the Systemwide Academic Senate by March 14, 2012

[Senate-Administration Faculty Salaries Task Force](#)

Systemwide Chair Anderson is requesting full Senate review of the report of the joint Senate-Administration. The report makes three recommendations to address faculty salary competitiveness over the next several years.

Comments are due to the Systemwide Academic Senate by April 19, 2012

[Proposal for Major-Based Transfer Admission to the University of California](#)

The UC Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) is proposing a new policy that increases the University's emphasis on preparation in the intended major for transfer students applying for admission. The goal of this new policy is to ensure that admitted transfer students are prepared to succeed in their pursuit of a bachelor's degree as efficiently as possible while also extending consideration for admission to students whose preparation does not exactly match campus-specific preferences.

Comments are due to the Systemwide Academic Senate by May 16, 2012

IX. Committee Chairs Report

- CAP - Vice Chair Mike Colvin
- CAPRA - Chair Nella Van Dyke
- CoC - Chair Jeff Yoshimi
- GRC - Chair Will Shadish
- UGC - Chair Gregg Camfield
- CRE - Chair Rick Dale

Informational Items: Correspondence 2/15/12-2/29/12

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CAPRA to DivCo re: decline to opine on the review of UC Observatories (2/16)

GRC to DivCo re: decline to opine on the review of UC Observatories (2/16)

SACAP to EVC re: Recommendation for a campus Electronic Management System (2/16)

GRC to DivCo re: Credit Hour Policy (2/23)

GRC to DivCo re: Graduate Program Review Policy revision (2/24)

Senate to Senate Membership re: Notice of Senate Elections Call for Nominations (2/27)

CRE to DivCo re: SNS School Bylaws (2/27)

CRE to DivCo re: SOE Bylaws (2/27)

CRE to DivCo re: SSHA Bylaws (2/27)

Physics Faculty to DivCo re: UC Observatories (2/27)