

Division Council (DivCo)
Minutes of Meeting
November 30, 2015

Pursuant to call, the Division Council met at 2:30 pm on November 30, 2015 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Cristián Ricci presiding.

Present: Tanya Golash-Boza, Mukesh Singhal, Christopher Viney, Ajay Gopinathan, Cristián Ricci, Mike Dawson, Robin DeLugan, Peter Vanderschraaf, Tom Hansford, Patti LiWang, Rudy Ortiz, and Josh Viers.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Ricci informed Division Council members of the following topics from the November 23 Academic Council meeting:

- Regental approval of the 2020 project
- Update on the Retirement Benefits Advisory Task Force
- Update on the Budget Framework Initiative
- Transfer Pathways and the three-year bachelor's degree
- Joint Committee on Sexual Violence, Assault, and Harassment.

II. Consent Calendar

ACTION: Today's agenda and the November 9 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. Committee Chair Reports

CAP – member absent.

CAPRA – at the end of October, the committee sent its recommendations to the Provost/EVC on the allocation of the four foundational FTE lines. The Provost has not yet responded. CAPRA also recently discussed CSDA's hiring plan and sent a memo to the Provost to request clarification on the hiring procedures. It is unclear whether normal faculty hiring procedures (search committee and bylaw unit voting) will be used in cluster hiring or whether the Provost/EVC will have more authority in the selection of candidates.

CoC – the committee is still searching for a natural scientist to serve on CAP and is continually filling slots for other campus committees on an ad hoc basis.

COR – UCORP updates include: 1) the creation of a new position in President Napolitano’s organization related to innovation and entrepreneurship; the position is controversial as UCORP members noted that the job description does not include references to research, and 2) issues surrounding non-US citizens working on Department of Defense projects due to national security interests. COR is also discussing revisions to the criteria and evaluation of the Senate faculty grants; the grants will be divided into two categories, seed grants (for obtaining extramural funding or for dissemination of research, and for research activities).

CRE – the committee is addressing the procedures for revising the MAPP.

D&E – the committee is still working on appointing two faculty equity advisors in each school. Chair Golash-Boza and another faculty member will attend trainings on institutional bias and implicit bias at UC Davis and will replicate the trainings at UCM for the identified faculty equity advisors to complete.

FWAF – at its last meeting, the committee met with TAPS Director Karin Groth and AVC for Campus Safety & Police Chief Al Vasquez. Discussion included future campus parking plans in the context of the 2020 Project, the role of faculty members in the development of a campus emergency preparedness plan, and the development of a police advisory board which would include students, faculty, staff, and community members. The main topic of discussion at UCAF is the Regents’ proposed Principles Against Intolerance.

GC – the Council continues to review CRFs. The Mechanical Engineering CCGA proposal has been approved by GC and will soon be submitted to Division Council for approval (and thenceforth the VPDGE, the Provost/EVC, the Chancellor, and to CCGA).

UGC – at its recent meeting, the Council held a discussion about the campus events of November 4 and how best to build relationships with our undergraduate students. Chair Viney also shared that UGC’s admissions subcommittee is revising its algorithms.

IV. Enrollment Management

Attending the meeting to discuss enrollment management in the context of the 2020 project were AVC for Enrollment Management Jill Orcutt, Director of Admissions and Outreach Encarnacion Ruiz, and Principal Research Analyst Gary Lowe of IRDS.

AVC Orcutt, Director Ruiz, and Principal Analyst Lowe presented UCM student demographics for fall 2005 and shared with Division Council that IRDS and Student Affairs collaborate on these numbers and projections. The state of California's plan to ask UCs to enroll 5,000 additional undergraduate students over the next two years will be a challenge for UCM given the space, amenity, and housing space issues. Transfer Pathways has helped to streamline some of UCM's processes. AVC Orcutt mentioned that she is interested in proposing to the schools the idea of creating pre-majors so UCM can attract academically-strong transfer students.

Analyst Lowe presented student enrollment numbers and Director Ruiz then discussed freshmen application numbers and the key issue of student retention. He will continue to work with IRDS on the modeling for enrollment projects but pointed out that AY 2017-2018 and beyond will be a significant challenge for the campus if it enrolls additional undergraduate students without providing more space and housing.

Director Ruiz made the following recommendations: 1) collaborations with all stake holders, 2) appropriate funding for student recruitment, 3) engaging schools and faculty, 4) consider marketability of new majors and add high-demand majors 5) transfers to be considered by committees of academics, administrators, student affairs, and enrollment management, 6) greater emphasis on retention, and 7) develop a comprehensive campus enrollment management plan.

AVC Orcutt encouraged faculty to contact Director of Summer Sessions Tammy Johnson if they are interested in participating in Summer Session. Summer Session is offering innovating and creative learning opportunities for UCM students.

V. Revised Public Health Bylaw 55 Unit Proposal

Division Council members discussed various issues that are still surrounding the revised proposal.

ACTION: Division Council will send a memo, largely consisting of points made by UGC, to SSHA to seek clarifications. SSHA's response, along with the revised

proposal and Division Council's endorsement, will then be forwarded to the Provost/EVC.

VI. Honors Task Force Report

Division Council members discussed various issues and points of clarification on the task force report. Several members pointed out the workload burden on faculty, compounded by the fact that the same faculty are undertaking additional work related to strategic academic focusing and the 2020 Project.

ACTION: Division Council will continue the discussion via email.

Due to time constraints, the remaining review items on the agenda will be discussed via email.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Attest:

Cristián Ricci, Senate Chair