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Division News

UC President Janet Napolitano: President Napolitano chose UC Merced for her first campus visit to meet with faculty, students, staff and administration. During her discussion with Chancellor Leland, she committed to extending the financial Memorandum of Understanding, read more [here](#).

Smoke and Tobacco-Free Policy: The UC Merced Smoke and Tobacco-Free Steering Committee drafted a campus-specific policy for UC Merced. That draft policy, along with a list of Frequently Asked Questions will be finalized in November and will go into effect January 1, 2014. More information is available [here](#).

Impact of Sequestration on Research Programs and Grants: Faculty are encouraged to submit stories that illustrate the negative impact of sequestration/government shutdown on their research programs and grants in order to help inform lawmakers of the need to end sequestration. Please send your stories to researchcuts@ucop.edu and senatechair@ucmerced.edu. For more information, please visit the Systemwide Research Policy Analysis and Coordination [website](#).

Joint Administration-Senate Strategic Academic Focusing Working Group Town Halls- Oct. 4 & 7: Provost/EVC Peterson and Senate Chair López-Calvo invite all faculty that were unable to attend the town halls to send questions and/or comments on the strategic focusing initiative to sa2020@ucmerced.edu.

Benefits Town Hall: Medical plan offerings are changing. Learn more about the [changes](#) at the Benefits Town Halls scheduled on Oct. 25 from 10:30-11:30AM, 2:00-3:00PM and 4:00-5:00PM in room 170 of the Student Services Building.

Senate Events:

Committee Meetings:

CAP- Oct. 11, 18 & 25
CAPRA- Oct. 15 & 29
COR- Oct. 9 & 23
DivCo- Oct. 8 & 22
GC- Oct. 10 & 24
UGC- Oct. 9
Senate-Administration Library Working Group- Oct. 8
Academic Honesty Task Force- Oct. 10

• **Meeting of the Division-** Nov. 19, KL 232
Meeting 3:00-5:00pm, Reception 5:00-6:30pm

Systemwide Committees:

Academic Council- Oct. 23
BOARS- Oct. 4
CCGA- Oct. 2
UCAAD- Oct. 10
UCAP- Oct. 30
UCEP- Oct. 7
UCFW- Oct. 11
UCIE- Oct. 25
UCOLASC- Oct. 25
UCORP- Oct. 14
UCPB- Oct. 1

Committee Highlights

- **The Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP)** is providing input to APO on the newly-defined bio-bib categories on Digital Measures.
- **The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)** is working with the Provost on strategic planning and the criteria for evaluation of FTE requests.
- **The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom (FWDAF)** is teaming with the Academic Personnel office to launch activities for faculty members as part of the faculty mentoring program.
- **The Committee on Research (COR)** is working with the Office of Governmental Relations and Research Development Services to collect stories from faculty that illustrate the negative impacts on sequestration on their research programs.
- **The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)** is working on a plan to reorganize the Senate policies and documents available on the Senate website.
- **The Graduate Council (GC)** would like to remind all Graduate Groups of the updated [Course Request Approval Policy](#) and [Course Request Form](#) available on the Senate Website. The Council recently approved the 2013-2014 Conflict of Interest Policy available [here](#).
- **The Undergraduate Council (UGC)** convened on October 9. Discussion items included Admissions, the revised General Education Committee Charge. UGC approved 19 courses and a recusal policy available [here](#).

Systemwide Activities

UCEAP Opportunities for UC Faculty: The UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) is now accepting applications for a two-year Study Center Director and short term Visiting Professor Appointments. More information is available [here](#).

Did You Know...

The [Office of Ombuds Services](#) is a neutral and confidential resource that serves staff, faculty, lecturers, postdoctoral scholars, students and administrators. The campus ombuds offers assistance in resolving academic concerns, interpersonal conflicts, bureaucratic slow-downs and other campus-related concerns, conflicts, disputes or complaints. For more information visit the Office of Ombuds Services website.

