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Division News

Faculty Mentoring Program- Kickoff Event February 19: The Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom (FWDAF) Committee and the Academic Personnel Office present the Faculty Mentoring Program. This program intends to support faculty with career advancement, improve recruitment and retention, and increase faculty satisfaction. The [kickoff event](#) is scheduled for February 19, 2014 from 12:00-1:30pm in KL 232. UC Vice Provost for Academic Personnel will be in attendance.

Senate Faculty Research Grants- Due by March 14: Faculty research grants are designed to support the research activities of faculty and provide seed funds to assist in the development of extramural proposals to support research at UCM. The [annual call](#) for Senate Faculty Research Grant proposals was emailed to Senate faculty on February 3 and is also available on the Senate website. All proposals should be submitted via email to the [COR Analyst](#) by Friday, March 14, 2014.

Senate Awards: All faculty members are invited to nominate colleagues that have achieved excellence and are conveying high distinction to UCM through their research, teaching or service to the University and community. The winners of the seven Senate Awards will each receive an award of \$1000 and their names will be engraved on perpetual plaques displayed in the Academic Senate Office. The criteria and nomination process for each award will be available on the [Senate website](#).

Senate Events:

• Committee Meetings:

CAP- Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
CAPRA- Feb. 13 & 25
COR- Feb. 12 & 26
DivCo- Feb. 24
FWDAF- Feb. 18
GC- Feb. 12 & 26
UGC- Feb. 20
▪ GENED – Feb 25

• Systemwide Committees:

Academic Council- Feb. 26
Assembly- Feb. 12
BOARS- Feb. 7
CCGA- Feb. 5
UCEP- Feb. 3
UCFW- Feb. 14
UCOLASC- Feb. 21
UCORP- Feb. 10
UCPB- Feb. 4

Announcements:

- University of California Libraries reached a five year agreement to ensure continued access to Elsevier publications. Read the [announcement](#).
- Chancellor Leland unveiled [six campus initiatives](#) to help college attainment and success among underserved students.
- Senate service for AY 14-15: Look out for the Senate Survey!
- [Call for Proposals](#)- 2014 CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference June 16-20, 2014

Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) has reviewed and recommended approval of the proposal to establish a minor in English.
- [The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom](#) (FWDAF) is holding a special meeting with systemwide Vice Provost for Academic Personnel Susan Carlson on February 19.
- [The Committee on Research](#) (COR) has submitted to the Senate Chair a set of revised, comprehensive policies on the establishment and review of research units.
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) will be providing guidance to School Executive Committees on procedures for updating their School Bylaws and has completed its review of the proposed [Systemwide Bylaw 55](#) revisions.
- [The Graduate Council](#) (GC) is currently reviewing the [UC Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition](#) and finished reviewing the proposed revised [UC Self-Supporting Graduate and Professional Degree Programs \(SGPDP\) Policy](#).
- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) will convene on February 20. Agenda items include the review of a proposal for an English minor, [General Education](#) and [Management](#) program review.

Systemwide Activities

- **Call for Nominations- 2014-2015 Vice Chair of the Academic Senate:** Academic Council Chair Jacob is seeking nominations of candidates willing to serve as the Vice Chair of the Academic Council in 2014-2015 and subsequently as Chair of the Academic Council in 2015-2016. The nomination deadline is March 14, 2014. Find out more information on the [nominations procedures](#).
- **UC Open Access Policy and Requests for Waivers and Embargoes:** UCOLASC Chair Roberto Manduchi sent a letter clarifying that while the deposit requirement of UC's Open Access policy is in effect in UCLA, UCI and UCSF, the policy does cover all faculty. Visit the Office of Scholarly Communication [website](#) for more information.
- **UC President Letter to Chancellors- Moreno Report:** President Napolitano issued a letter on January 24, asking for campus implementation of five measures based on recommendations provided by the Senate-Administration Working Group on the Moreno Report. Read the [letter](#).
- **UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program:** President Napolitano committed \$5 million to enhance the salary hiring incentive and initiate a new start-up hiring incentives for President's and Chancellors' postdoctoral fellows. Find out more information on the [hiring incentives](#).
- **UCOP to pilot UCPath:** The updated systemwide UC payroll and benefits system [UCPath](#) will roll out at UCOP and is expected to be fully operational by January 1, 2015. Read more on the [UCPath launch](#).

