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Division News

Division Meeting, Thursday November 8, 2012, 3:00 to 5:00 PM, Garden View Room, Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center

Get the latest news and voice your opinion! All Senate members are encouraged to attend this semester's meeting of the Merced Division. Chancellor Leland and Interim Provost/EVC Traina have been invited to discuss budget issues, strategic academic focusing, and campus physical growth in light of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) report. We will also discuss the post-election UC systemwide budget and WASC accreditation of graduate programs.

Reception immediately following the Division Meeting, 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

All Senate members and guests are invited to attend an informal reception in the Garden View Room immediately following the Division Meeting. Come and chat with colleagues while enjoying wine and light refreshments (Division meeting attendance not required!).

Administration Searches launched

Interim Provost/EVC Traina has [announced](#) searches for the following positions: Chief Information Officer (CIO), Vice Provost for Academic Personnel (VPAP), Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education (VPDGE), and Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education (VPDUE). Senate representatives are serving on each of these search committees, and we will keep you posted as these searches progress.

Search for a new Academic Senate Executive Director

Senate Executive Director Susan Sims has moved to a new role in the Administration as Special Assistant and Chief of Staff to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, beginning Oct. 29. We thank Susan for her years of service to the Merced Academic Senate and wish her the best of luck in her new position. We are opening a search for a new Executive Director immediately and forming a search committee. Senate Principal Analyst Fatima Paul will serve as Interim Executive Director until a permanent candidate is named.

Committee Highlights

Senate Events:

- [Division Meeting](#)
Nov 8, 2012
- [Committee Meetings](#)

DivCo— Nov 1 & 15
CAPRA— Nov 1
GRC— Nov 6 & 20
UGC— Nov 14

Academic Council—Nov 19
BOARS—Nov 2
UCEP—Nov 5
UCORP— Nov 5
UCPB— Nov 6
CCGA— Nov 7
UCAF— Nov 8

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) and the Administration continue to work on the 2012-2013 process for FTE requests.
- [The Graduate and Research Council](#) (GRC) is commencing its first review of a standing graduate program and reviews for three proposed programs. It is also working with the Graduate Division on development of an on-line Course Request Form (CRF) system for graduate courses, and revision of graduate fellowship guidelines.
- [The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) will discuss plans to upgrade the online CRF system, in collaboration with GRC. Preparations are underway for the undergraduate program reviews of Chemical Sciences, Cognitive Sciences, History and Management.
- In response to the [Promising Practices for Faculty Diversity](#) paper, the [Faculty Welfare Committee](#) is discussing potential local-level initiatives that would aid in fostering diversity on the Merced campus.

Systemwide Activities

State Ballot Initiative Proposition 30: The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012

Proposition 30, a revenue-raising initiative on the Nov. 6, 2012 ballot, has [implications](#) for the California higher education system. See the [Fact Sheet](#) for information about Proposition 30. Read the [UC Board of Regent's endorsement](#) of the ballot initiative. Vote on November 6!

Systemwide Survey on Campus Climate—UC is launching a systemwide survey on campus climate designed to reach out to the entire campus community, with questions targeted specifically for faculty, staff, and students. Survey results will be used to improve the educational and work environment for the entire campus community, and to address campus-specific issues. The survey for Merced is scheduled to start February 1, 2013. See [UCOP article](#).

[BOARS Report on Comprehensive Review](#)—The report addresses Comprehensive Review outcomes in the context of recent changes to Admissions policies and includes a description of the UC campuses selection process using Comprehensive Review.

