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Division News

Campus Focus on Expansion of Research and Graduate Programs

As UC Merced approaches the 10th anniversary of its founding, Senate and Administration recognize the need to advance the research mission of the campus, and the critical role of graduate education in support of research. The alignment of academic programs and faculty research with resource allocation to Schools, Graduate Groups, and Institutes is a major Senate theme this year as we work with the Administration to revise processes for request and review. Look for more Senate communications from the Division, and from your School and Graduate Group Chairs, as we move forward. Faculty feedback and participation are important for ensuring robust discussion and transparent processes. Strategic academic focusing and resource allocation will be discussed at the Merced [Division Meeting](#) on November 8 (3:00 – 5:00 pm), so mark your calendars.

Urban Land Institute Advisory Panel:

Chancellor Leland retained the Urban Land Institute (ULI), a non-profit land use and planning organization, to advise campus leadership on alternatives for the physical growth of the campus. The ULI panel visited UCM the week of September 10 and provided initial feedback, with a written report to follow. Read the [Chancellor's message](#) and her op-ed comments in the [Merced Sun-Star](#). The Senate is looking forward to working with the Chancellor and the Administration to review the ULI recommendations and discuss how to link academic program growth with physical expansion of the campus.

MAPP– New Version!!!!

Senate Events:

- [Founders Day](#)
Oct 25-27
- [Division Meeting](#)
Nov 8, 2012
- [Committee Meetings](#)
UCEP-Oct 1
Academic Council-Oct 3
CCGA– Oct 3
BOARS-Oct 4
UCORP– Oct 8
UCOLASC– Oct 10
CAPRA– Oct 11
GRC– Oct 9 & 23
UGC– Oct 17
DivCo– Oct 18

Library Event:

- Creating a Data Management Plan for NSF – Oct 30 or Nov 13
Contact [Susan Borda](#)

Senate Reminders:

- CRF Deadlines- Oct 10

Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) is discussing ways to more effectively include cross-school programs, as well as graduate and research needs, in the process for requesting faculty FTE and program resources.
- [The Graduate and Research Council](#) (GRC) is examining Graduate Division policy on funding for graduate students and staff support to graduate groups.
- [The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) will convene an Academic Honesty Policy Task Force consisting of faculty, students, and staff to update the undergraduate academic integrity policy.

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.

Rebenching and Enrollment Management:

From April 2011 to March 2012, a systemwide Rebenching Budget Committee met and produced a report and recommendations to change UC's internal budgeting process for the allocation of state funds to campuses. This [Report](#) is currently under review on campuses, with comments due to systemwide Senate by December 3, 2012. State funds allocation is intimately tied to systemwide enrollment management, which was not specifically addressed in the Rebenching Report. The systemwide Academic Council produced a statement on principles of enrollment management in the context of rebenching at its July 25 meeting, to which President Yudof responded on August 24, 2012. Faculty are welcome to comment through their School Executive Committees, which have been asked to comment, or directly to Senate Office, by November 1. Division Council will assimilate comments from faculty and standing committees, and produce a response to systemwide Senate on behalf of the Merced Division. Read the [Rebenching Guide and Update](#) written by two members of the Academic Council from the Rebenching Task Force.

Open-Access Policy

The University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) has proposed a systemwide [policy on open access for research publications](#). The policy would expand open access to research publications by University of California faculty by changing the default relationship between faculty authors and scholarly publishers to one in which authors grant the University a non-exclusive license to the work. The policy is currently under review on campuses, and faculty are welcome to comment. The library will be holding a panel discussion on October 26 from 12 – 1 pm about faculty perspectives on open access – look for future announcements of this event.

