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Division News

Senate Chair López-Calvo farewell letter to faculty: Read over the highlights and work of the Academic Senate over the past academic year. The complete letter is available [here](#).

Administrative Search Updates:

- **VPF-** The campus has been unable to identify a clear candidate of choice and will continue to rely on interim leadership until the right candidate can be identified. Dr. Gregg Camfield will serve as interim VPF for the next year, while the search is re-initiated (probably in Spring 2015).
- **School of Engineering Dean-** An open search will begin immediately. Dr. Erik Rolland will serve as Interim Dean of the School of Engineering effective August 15, 2014.
- **University Librarian-** The position will be advertised soon.
- **AVC for Human Resources-** Interviews have been concluded for the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and the search committee will be submitting their recommendation to the Administration.

Senate Committees for AY 14-15: The Committee on Committees has finalized the slate for the Division standing committees. The complete slate is available [here](#).

Faculty World Café: The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom along with the Academic Personnel Office invite all faculty to attend on September 17 from 11:30am-1:30pm in the California Room. FWDAF and APO want to hear what topics are most relevant to faculty and are invited to respond to a quick [survey](#). Contact facultylife@ucmerced.edu with any questions.

Announcements:

- Tentative AY 2014-15 Systemwide Committee Meeting Schedule is available [here](#).
- New Faculty Orientation will be held on August 20, 2014 in KL 232. The agenda will be distributed by the Academic Personnel Office.
- President Napolitano selects Sam Hawgood as the new UCSF Chancellor. Read the announcement [here](#).
- The updated [AY 2014-15 MAPP](#) is now available. Contact [APO](#) with any questions and access problems.
- United Way Merced County is celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Participate in the United Way Pledge Drive from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. More information available [here](#). Contact [Gail Benedict](#) with any questions.
- UCOP and CCGA approved the Physics Graduate Program Proposal. See the approval [memo](#).



Systemwide News

Senate Source: The quarterly online newsletter published by the Systemwide Senate is now available. See the current June 2014 issue [here](#).

Systemwide Academic Senate Executive Director retiring this summer: After six years, Martha Kendall Winnacker will be retiring to spend time with her grandchildren, hiking, reconnecting with colleagues, and developing her skills as a photographer. Read more about Martha's experience [here](#).

Reports and Recommendations: See a complete list of past [reports and recommendations](#).

- **UC International Engagement Vision Statement-** The University Committee on International Education (UCIE) drafted a statement that represents the Senate's commitment to international engagement as an essential component of the University's teaching, research, and public service mission. The Academic Council voted unanimously to forward the statement to UC President Napolitano. Read the statement [here](#).
- **BOARS Statement on the Redesigned SAT Test-** On June 27, the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) voted to adopt the redesigned SAT as an acceptable UC admission exam and continue requiring the essay section of the exam. Read the full recommendation [here](#).
- **Proposed Outreach Program to Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities-** The proposed program was developed by the University Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity (UCAAD) and endorsed unanimously by the Academic Council on June 25. As proposed the program's initial cost is estimated to be \$6 million annually. Read the proposal [here](#).
- **Challenges in Supporting Multi-Campus Research –** On July 18, the Academic Council sent a letter to President Napolitano requesting UCOP to address the decline systemwide funding of faculty-led research. Read the letter [here](#).
- **Senate Involvement in Campus Salary Equity Study Plans-** Systemwide Chair Jacob sent a request to President Napolitano asking UCOP to ensure robust Senate consultation in the development and implementation of the campus-level salary equity study plans. Read the detailed request to President Napolitano [here](#).

Issues Under Review: A complete list of past review items is available [here](#).

- [Proposed revisions to APM 133, 210, 220, 760](#): Comments due December 15, 2014