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Division News

Your attendance is requested at the Spring Meeting of the Division! Please join us on Thursday, April 4, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, KL 232. We will announce the Division Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Parliamentarian for AY 13-14 at the meeting, present Senate Awards, and discuss proposed changes to the Bylaws for reorganizing Division standing committees. UC Academic Senate Chair Bob Powell and Vice-Chair Bill Jacob will be attending and will discuss the systemwide UC Online Education Initiative and recent discussions with State legislature representatives about UC faculty workload. Provost/EVC Tom Peterson will attend to discuss the ongoing budget allocation process and upcoming presentation to the Regents on the campus Long-Range Development Plan. Your participation is vital to the shared governance of our campus – please join us and voice your opinion! Please see the [meeting agenda](#).

Senate Reception immediately following the Division Meeting, 5:00 to 6:30 pm, KL 232. All Senate members and guests are invited to attend and enjoy wine, refreshments, and appetizers. Chat with colleagues and catch up – Division meeting attendance not required.

Sign up for Senate Committees for next year! The Committee on Committees will be asking Senate members in April to serve on Division standing committees and UC systemwide committees. The Academic Senate represents faculty in the governance of the University as mandated by the Standing Orders of the Regents. Senate service is your way to participate in the governance, growth, and future of our campus. Please consider serving on a Senate committee in the coming academic year.

Campus Long Range Development Plan – Proposed Amendments to the UC Board of Regents: Chancellor Leland and Provost Peterson have proposed revisions to the 2009 LRDP that are currently under review by Senate and Administration. These revisions are the first step for enabling recommendations made by the Urban Lands Institute report to concentrate new campus construction on a smaller footprint, and to consider alternatives to state funding of academic buildings in the form of public-private partnerships. The Chancellor and Provost will present the changes at the May Regent's Meeting. All Senate members have been invited to provide comments to the Senate Office by April 8. The LRDP revision can be found [here](#).

New Academic Senate Executive Director: We are pleased to announce that Dejeuné Shelton has joined us as Senate Executive Director on April 1, 2013. Dejeuné was previously the Executive Director of the Great Valley Center. We welcome Dejeuné to the campus and the Senate Office.

Sign up for Commencement, May 18-19: This year, two commencement ceremonies will be held to accommodate our growing student body. The Schools of Engineering and Natural Sciences will hold their ceremony on Saturday May 18, and the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts will hold its ceremony on Sunday, May 19, 2013, both at 9:00 am in the South Bowl. Ceremonies will include graduate students as well as undergraduates. All faculty are strongly encouraged to attend! More information can be found [here](#).

Senate Events:

• [Committee Meetings:](#)

DivCo – Apr 10 & 26
CAPRA – Apr 4 & 18
GRC – Apr 2, 16 & 30
UGC – Apr 25

• [Systemwide Committees:](#)

UCPB – Apr 2
CCGA – Apr 3
BOARS – Apr 5
UCEP – Apr 8
UCORP – Apr 8
Assembly – Apr 10
UCFW – Apr 12
Academic Council – Apr 24

• [Meeting of the Division- Apr 4](#)

3:00-5:00PM
Kolligian Library, Room 232

Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) will begin reviewing the School FTE Requests in April, and looks forward to making recommendations to the Provost/EVC by early May.
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) is working on proposed revision to the UCM Bylaws that will be presented at the Meeting of the Division on Thursday. It is also working on the 2013 Senate Election ballot. Additional information on the Senate Elections can be found [here](#).
- [The Graduate and Research Council](#) (GRC) is discussing the draft internal funding model for graduate student research and teaching proposed by Graduate Dean Kello. The committee has also reviewing the overall campus policy on critical examination outcomes.
- [The Committee on Faculty Welfare](#) (FW) will be considering ways to bolster mentoring for junior faculty. We are also exploring the availability lactation accommodations for faculty and staff at both on campus and off campus UCM facilities.
- [The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) is discussing the UC Online Initiative.

Systemwide Highlights

UC Innovative Learning Technology Initiative – All-Campus Working Meeting April 13: UCM Senate and Administration leadership, and GSA and ASUCM representatives will participate in an all-campus, all-day planning meeting to address UC's initiative to develop and implement innovative online courses and learning technologies. Representatives from all UC campuses will participate in this event scheduled in Oakland (Northern campuses) and UC Irvine (Southern campuses). The summit is intended to develop goals, strategic plans, and implementation pathways for UC online courses and technologies to enable effective teaching and learning.

Ongoing: Search for UC President 2013: See the webpage for the latest information [here](#).

