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Division News

Your attendance is requested at the Spring Meeting of the Division! Please join us on **Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 3:00-5:00pm in KL 232**. We will announce the Division Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Parliamentarian for AY 14-15 at the meeting, present Senate Awards and discuss proposed changes to the Division Regulations. Chancellor Leland and Provost/EVC Peterson will also attend. 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 6:30pm, 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.

Senate Elections- Extended Call for Nominations: Now is the time to nominate your colleagues! [Nomination petitions](#) are to be returned to the Senate Office no later than 5pm on April 18. This year, there are four [Committee on Committees](#) vacancies and one At-large Member of the [Division Council](#). In accordance with Merced Bylaws, an election will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

Campus Climate Results- Chancellor Leland [announced](#) the availability of the [campus climate survey results](#) and established the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion (ICCC), which will be charged with examining the survey's results and developing an action plan to address areas of concern. Learn more about the ICCC [here](#).

Senate Events:

• [Committee Meetings:](#)

CAP- Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25
CAPRA- Apr. 14 & 29
COR- Apr. 9 & 23
DivCo- Apr. 10 & 28
GC- Apr. 2, 16 & 30
UGC- Apr. 10 & 24
▪ GENED – Apr. 17

• [Systemwide Committees:](#)

Academic Council- Apr. 2 & 30
BOARS- Apr. 4
CCGA- Apr. 9
UCAAD- Apr. 17
UCEP- Apr. 7
UCFW- Apr. 11
UCOC- Apr. 23
UCOLASC- Apr. 18
UCOPE- Apr. 25
UCORP- Apr. 14
UCPB- Apr. 1

• [Meeting of the Division- May 1](#)

3:00-5:00pm

Kolligian Library, Room 232

• [Faculty Mentoring Program- The Road to Tenure Workshop- May 9](#)

This workshop is scheduled from 12:00-1:30pm in KL 360. More information coming soon!

Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) recommended approval of the MCB, EECS, ME, and Sociology graduate proposals.
- [The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom](#) (FWDAF) identified, at the Chancellor's request, a committee member to serve on the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion.
- [The Committee on Research](#) (COR) reviewed 51 faculty grant proposals and selected awardees.
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) is working on proposed revisions to the UCM Regulations that will be presented at the Meeting of the Division on May 1. The committee will also begin working on the 2014 Senate Election ballot. Additional information on the Senate Elections can be found [here](#).
- [The Graduate Council](#) (GC) is soliciting feedback on a set of draft graduate student mentoring guidelines. Feedback is due by April 24. GC is also finalizing a draft graduate group bylaw template for CRE consultation.
- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) approved the Public Health Major and changes to the Management Major, effective Fall 2014. UGC is reviewing the AY 14-15 Catalog, ELWR Requirement, and the Normal Progress to Degree Policy. The Council is also preparing for the General Education Program Review.
- [Joint Program Review Committee](#) (PRC): The site visit for the review of the Spanish Minor and Computer Science and Engineering Major will take place on May 5-6 and 7-8, 2014.

Systemwide Activities

Senate Source- April 2013 Issue now available! Learn more about the current activities of the System wide Senate, including the Senate's role on transfer issues, analyzing the campus climate results, and faculty survey on low-cost textbooks.

Public Records Act/Freedom of Information Act Toolkit- UCLA developed a [faculty resource guide](#) and [statement on the Principles of Scholarly Research and Public Records](#) to help the institution respond to requests for information under the California Public Records Act (CPRA) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF) and the Academic Council found this "toolkit" of materials helpful for all divisions. The resource guide: (1) provides information on the CPRA; (2) explains what public records are, what types of records are exempt from disclosure, and how faculty should respond to CPRA requests for records; and (3) suggests how faculty should manage their electronic records in light of the CPRA.

Faculty Survey on Low-Cost Textbooks due April 25- The [California Open Education Resources Council](#) is asking all faculty to respond to a survey related to adopting open textbook resources. Read the [notification letter](#) to faculty.

