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Division News

Possible Changes to Senate Standing Committees: The Division Council is considering the reorganization of some Senate standing committees. The goal is to distribute workload evenly in specific areas. We hope that smaller, streamlined committees will be more effective and less burdensome on members. Any changes for AY13-14 will be announced soon. Our Division standing committees are the primary mode of Senate participation in the shared governance of our campus—please consider serving!

New Format for Commencement 2013: The Chancellor's Office has announced a change in Commencement for 2013. There will be two separate ceremonies for graduates, one for the School of Natural Sciences and School of Engineering on Saturday, May 18, 2013, and one for the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Both events will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the South Bowl with a Commencement speaker for each ceremony. Hooding ceremonies for graduating Ph.D. and M.S. students will take place at each event. Faculty are encouraged to participate in the festivities with students and their families. More information will be posted soon [here](#).

Chancellor Leland to Present Campus Growth Concept to the Board of Regents: Chancellor Leland will present an information item at the Board of Regents meeting on March 13 that describes a campus path to growth to approximately 10,000 students by 2020. The item will outline for the Regents our critical space needs and a process forward based on recommendations from the Urban Lands Institute (ULI) [report](#). The campus is requesting Regents' support for the concept of an integrated, master-planned development on a more limited footprint that will encourage potential private partners to participate in campus development.

Mark your calendars- Upcoming Spring Division Meeting April 4, 2013, 3:00 - 5:00 pm: We are pleased to have systemwide Academic Senate Chair Bob Powell and Vice Chair Bill Jacob as distinguished guests for the Spring Division meeting. The appointments for next academic year to Division Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Parliamentarian and the Senate Awards recipients will be announced at the meeting. Reception immediately following—refreshments will be served!

Grant Writing Institute: As part of their research development services, the Office of Research will be hosting a grant writing workshop on April 2-5, 2013. The Grant Writing Institute workshop will feature guest presenter, Dr. Holly Falk-Krzesinski, *Vice President, Global Academic & Research Relations*. All interested faculty are welcome to attend. A complete agenda can be found [here](#).

Senate Events:

• [Committee Meetings:](#)

DivCo – Mar 8 & 20
CAPRA – Mar 7 & 21
FW – March 7
GRC – Mar 12
UGC – Mar 14

• [Systemwide Committees:](#)

BOARS – Mar 1
UCEP – Mar 4
UCPB – Mar 5
CCGA – Mar 6
UCFW – Mar 8
UCORP – Mar 11
UCAP – Mar 13
UCIE – Mar 15
UCAF – Mar 21
Academic Council – Mar 27

• [Meeting of the Division- Apr 4](#) 3:00-5:00PM, KL 232

Announcements:

- EXTENDED DEADLINE- Senate Elections Call for Nomination Mar 18.
- Senate service for AY13-14: Look for the Senate survey!

Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) received the FTE Requests that were submitted and are now available on the Academic Senate Crops site.
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) extended the nomination call for four members of the Committee on Committees and one At-Large members of the Division Council. Nomination petitions are to be returned to the Academic Senate Office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18.
- [The Graduate and Research Council](#) (GRC) began a preliminary discussion with Graduate Dean Kello on the model for graduate group funding for Academic Year 2013-14.
- [The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) has recently approved proposals for a B.A in English and a B.A. in Spanish, and discontinuance of the B.A. in Literature and Cultures.

Systemwide Activities

UC Presidential Search: The UC Board of Regents has begun the search process for the new UC President to replace Mark Yudof, who has announced he will be leaving the post in August. Regents Chair Sherry Lansing has appointed a Special Committee to Consider the Selection of a President. The Special Committee is assisted by an Academic Advisory Committee with representatives from each campus, and by Student, Staff, and Alumni Advisory Committees. UCOP has posted a [webpage](#) on the presidential search that includes information and an option to comment on the Special Committee and the Advisory Committees.

UC All-Campus Working Meeting: Innovative Learning Technology Initiative: Systemwide Provost Aimee Dorr and Senate Chair Bob Powell have organized an all-day planning meeting on April 13 to address UC's initiative to develop and implement high quality online courses. Senate representatives from each campus have been invited to participate.

