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Division News

Faculty Mentoring Program- Labs & Fieldwork Workshop March 19: The Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom (FWDAF) Committee and the Academic Personnel Office present the [Faculty Mentoring Program- Labs and Fieldwork Workshop](#). The workshop is scheduled for March 19, 2014 from 12:00-1:30pm in KL 360. Professor Kathleen Hull, Professor Valerie Leppert, and Professor Jinah Choi will provide a brief overview of faculty experiences and provide insight on best practices.

Senate Service Preference Survey- Due by April 4: Teaching, research, and service go hand-in-hand and the [Committee on Committees \(CoC\)](#) believes that this is most likely to happen if faculty have a chance to express their own service interests as part of the process of populating the committees. Having this input from faculty will allow the CoC to achieve a better match between committee service and faculty interest and skills. We estimate that it will take you approximately five minutes to complete the [survey](#).

Senate Awards- Due by April 10: All faculty members are invited to nominate colleagues that have achieved excellence and are conveying high distinction to UCM through their research, teaching or service to the University and community. The winners of the seven Senate Awards will each receive an award of \$1000 and their names will be engraved on perpetual plaques displayed in the Academic Senate Office. The criteria and nomination process for each award are available on the [Senate website](#).

Senate Elections- 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 2. 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 Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Senate Events:

• [Committee Meetings:](#)

CAP- Mar. 7 & 21
CAPRA- Mar. 10
COR- Mar. 12
DivCo- Mar. 17 & 31
FWDAF- Mar. 31
GC- Mar. 7 & 19
UGC- Mar. 13
▪ GENED – Mar. 18
▪ PRC – Mar 7

• [Systemwide Committees:](#)

Academic Council iLincs- Mar. 5
BOARS- Mar. 7
CCGA- Mar. 5
UCAF- Mar. 27
UCAP- Mar. 12
UCEP- Mar. 3
UCFW- Mar. 14
UCIE- Mar. 21
UCORP- Mar. 10
UCPB- Mar. 4

Announcements:

- The spring [Meeting of the Division](#) is scheduled on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 3:00-5:00pm in KL 232. A reception will follow from 5:00-6:30pm.



Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) recommended approval of the proposal to establish a major in Public Health.
- [The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom](#) (FWDAF) Chair will meet with the Provost and School Deans on the issue of diversity in faculty recruitment.
- [The Committee on Research](#) (COR) is drafting a proposal on indirect cost return.
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) will be drafting a memo on the rights of emeriti faculty voting and participating on Senate subcommittees.
- [The Graduate Council](#) (GC) finalized the review of the Physics CCGA Proposal. GC is currently reviewing the Joint Senate-Administration Library Working Group final report and new proposed COR review process for research units.
- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) approved the following programs, effective Fall 2014: SSHA Public Health Major, English Minor and NSEC Minor (SNS). UGC approved over 100 new and revised CRFs and is currently reviewing the Catalog.
- [Joint Program Review Committee](#) (PRC): The site visit for the review of the Spanish Minor will take place in May 2014.

Systemwide Activities

- **UCAAD recommendation for Local Diversity Committee Empowerment:** Academic Council Chair Jacob sent a request to all divisions encouraging them to review the UCAAD best practice recommendations and explore the extent to which they may be implementation at each campus. View the recommendation [here](#).
- **UC President Napolitano's Letter to Chancellors- Three Percent Increase:** President Napolitano issued a letter on March 7, communicating the approval of a 3 percent salary program for faculty and other academic personnel effective July 1, 2014. Read the [letter](#).
- **Campus Climate Survey Rollout:** Systemwide Provost/EVC Aimée Dorr sent a request to all Chancellors encouraging all them to ensure that all Academic Senate Chair are briefed on the release of the Campus Climate survey and the first public information about the survey will become available after the March 19 Regents meeting. Read the letter [here](#).
- **The Role of WASC at UC Irvine:** UCEP endorsed a statement from the UC Irvine Committee on Educational Policy expressing concerns about new mandated measures in the WASC accreditation process. Academic Council Chair Jacob forwarded the [statement](#) to WASC on March 5. WASC responded on March 18. Read the response [here](#).