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Division News

Senate Elections- Final 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 May 30. 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, June 10, 2014.

Budget Update: Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. released a revised state budget that expands health care coverage, pays down \$11 million in debt, and funds the teachers' retirement system. Read the Governor's May budget revisions summary [here](#).

Senate Committees for AY14-15: With the exception of COR the Committee on Committees has finalized the leadership for the Division standing committees and UC systemwide committees. Members of the Academic Senate Leadership are: Division Council Chair Jian-Qiao Sun; Vice Chair Cristián Ricci; CAPRA Chair Anne Kelley; UGC Chair Jack Vevea; GC Chair Kathleen Hull; FWDAF Chair Rudy Ortiz and CAP Chair Raymond Gibbs.

Congratulations to the COR Faculty Research Grant and Senate Award Recipients! See the [list](#) of the AY 13-14 Research Grant recipients.

AY 13-14 Senate Award Recipients:

- Senate Service Award: [Peggy O'Day](#), SNS
- Distinguished Early Career Research Award: [Michael Cleary](#), SNS
- Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award: [Rose Scott](#), SSHA
- Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award: [Jinah Choi](#), SNS
- Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award: [Linda Cameron](#), SSHA
- Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching for a Non-Senate Lecturer Award: [John Hundley](#), SSHA



General Education Retreat May 22 & 23: The General Education Committee will be hosting a two day retreat in the Crescent Arch Room at Half Dome Residence Hall. This retreat is designed to engage faculty and staff in redefining and reimagining UC Merced's General Education program in light of the institution's mission. See the [agenda](#) for more information.

Senate Events:

Committee Meetings:

CAP- May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
CAPRA- May 12 & 27
COR- May 7 & 21
DivCo- May 12
GC- May 14
UGC- May 8

Systemwide Committees:

Academic Council- May 28
Assembly- May 21
BOARS- May 2
CCGA- May 7
UCEP- May 5
UCFW- May 9
UCIE- May 16
UCORP- May 12
UCPB- May 6
UCPT- May 19

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Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) has initiated an FTE tracking process by requesting from the Provost lists of FTE lines at various stages of approval and allocation.
- [The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom](#) (FWDAF) collaborated with Institutional Research & Decision Support and finalized the campus faculty salary equity progress report required by UCOP. The committee also requested additional funds from the Provost for a new Senate award for excellence in faculty mentoring.
- [The Committee on Research](#) (COR) drafted an indirect cost return allocation model and will meet with the Administration in August for further discussion.
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) is working on finalizing the proposed revisions to the UCM Regulations. 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) approved the Sociology CCGA Proposal and endorsed Graduate Dean Kello's decisions to allow GSR appointments in the summer for new incoming graduate students.
- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) approved the SOE and SNS Normal Progress to Degree Policy changes and approved a policy for Honor Courses, effective Fall 2014. The Council also revised and approved the undergraduate program review policy and the Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC) charge.

Systemwide Activities

Issues Under Review:

- [University of California Policy on Copyright and Fair Use](#)- Division comments due May 21
- [Proposed Revised Whistleblower Protection Policy and Academic Personnel Manual Section 190, Appendix A-2](#)- Division comments due May 23
- [Proposed Revised Policy on Supplement to Military Pay - Four Year Renewal](#)- Division comments due May 23
- [Compendium Revisions](#)- Division comments due June 2
- [Proposed Revised Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs \(SSGPDP\) Policy](#)- Division comments due July 16

