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Division News

Welcome from the Senate Chair: As incoming Chair of the UC Merced Academic Senate, I am delighted to welcome both the new and the returning faculty to what we hope will be a productive academic year. As a legislative body run by the faculty, the Academic Senate will not only make decisions on academic matters but will also advise the administration on faculty appointments and promotions as well as on budget, space, and financial planning. It is thus a venue through which the faculty makes sure that shared governance continues to be observed. Read the full welcome letter from Senate Chair López-Calvo [here](#).

UCM Library Assessment Information: Last spring, an external review team was charged with the periodic review of the UCM Library. The [Periodic Review Team Report](#) made several recommendations including the following: improving support for collections, increasing library staff and improving library communications. Read the UCM Library response to the Periodic Review Team Report [here](#).

Meet the 2013-2014 Senate Leadership

- Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP) Chair: [Raymond Gibbs](#), UC Santa Cruz
- Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA Chair): [Anne Kelley](#), NS
- Committee on Committees (CoC) Chair: [Patricia LiWang](#), NS
- Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom (FWDAF) Chair: [Rudy Ortiz](#), NS
- Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P&T) Chair: [Robert Hillman](#), UCD
- Committee on Research (COR) Chair: [Ruth Mostern](#), SSHA
- Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) Chair: [Rick Dale](#), SSHA
- Divisional Council (DivCo) Chair: [Ignacio López-Calvo](#), SSHA
- Graduate Council (GC) Chair: [Valerie Leppert](#), ENG
- Joint UGC/GC Program Review Committee Chair: [Gregg Camfield](#), SSHA
- Undergraduate Council (UGC) Chair: [Jay Sharping](#), NS

Senate Events:

• [Committee Meetings:](#)

CAP- Sep. 6
CAPRA- Sep. 3 & 17
COR- Sep. 11 & 25
CRE- Sep. 4
DivCo- Sep. 10 & 24
FWDAF- Sep. 17
GC- Sep. 12 & 26
UGC- Sep. 11

• [Systemwide Committees:](#)

Academic Council- Sep. 25

Announcements:

- New UC President Napolitano campus visit scheduled

Reminders:

- All comments on campus or systemwide items are welcomed!
Send feedback to Senate Chair López-Calvo at senatechair@ucmerced.edu

Committee Highlights

- [The Committee on Academic Personal](#) (CAP) reminds all faculty that the fall semester APO/CAP meeting is scheduled on September 20.
- [The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) 2012-2013 annual report is available on the Senate website [here](#).
- [The Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity and Academic Freedom](#) (FWDAF) announces that the 2012-2013 FW annual report is available on Senate website [here](#).
- [The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) suggested to DivCo that all standing committees develop a Conflict of Interest Statement. All committee statements will be made available [here](#). Read CRE's 2012-2013 annual report [here](#).
- [The Graduate Council](#) (GC) established a new reoccurring CRF and CCGA proposal submission deadlines calendar available [here](#).
- [The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) 2012-2013 annual report is available on the Senate website [here](#).

Systemwide Activities

APM 241-24 and Approval of MRU Directors: The Academic Council discussed the language proposed for bringing APM 241-24 into compliance with Regental policy regarding the appointment of MRU directors. Council members felt that the proposed new language excluded Senate and/or administration from the appointment process, and alternative language for further consideration was proposed. Read the memo to Systemwide Vice Provost of Academic Personnel Susan Carlson [here](#).

Review Process for the CA Institutes for Science and Innovation: Systemwide Chair Powell sent a memo to Provost Aimee Dorr with suggestions to improve the review process in order to improve workflow and create a mechanism of enforcement. The systemwide memo is available [here](#).

Undergraduate Financial Aid Plan: As a result of an extensive review of the UC's systemwide undergraduate financial aid strategy and funding plan, UCOP has developed steps to ensure the overarching goal of maintaining financial accessibility to the UC System for all California residents. Read the [UC Undergraduate Financial Aid Plan Overview](#).

