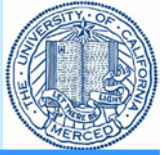


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Division News

From the Senate Chair: Welcome to the 2019 spring semester! While it is technically true that the semester has not yet begun, the Senate is in the process of preparing for what will be a busy semester.

Things to come include

- CoR's review and awarding of faculty grants. [The call](#) was issued to all faculty on November 16, and proposals are due to the Senate Office by January 22 (senateoffice@ucmerced.edu).
- The annual Senate elections, which will be held in February. It's time for us all to be thinking about colleagues we would like to nominate for open seats on the [Committee on Committees](#) and as at-large members to Divisional Council.
- Senate awards. Later this spring, the call for nominations for the [Senate's annual awards](#) will be issued. This year there will be nine awards, with the addition of D&E's new award for Contributions to Diversity. All departments are encouraged to nominate an individual for each award.
- The Spring Meeting of the Division, to take place April 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in KL 232. At this meeting, recipients of the Senate awards will be announced as well the 2019-2020 Senate Chair and Vice Chair.

Also, if you haven't yet had a chance to complete the Committee on Committee's Senate Service Preference Survey, I encourage you to do so. It's your opportunity to help CoC match service opportunities to your interests. It will also help CoC know if you do not desire to serve on a Senate committee in the coming year due to other obligations.

Finally, UC's contract with Elsevier has been extended by one month, with the goal of concluding negotiations by January 31. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

In closing, I look forward to a productive spring semester. Best wishes for a professionally satisfying 2019! - Kurt Schnier

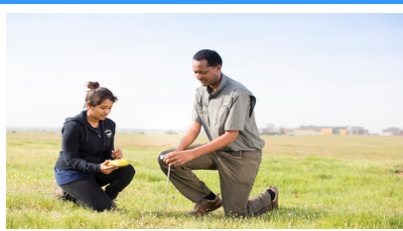
JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – Jan 23
CAP – Jan 11, 18, 25
CAPRA – Jan 10, 24
COR – Jan 16, 30
CRE – Jan 9
COC – None
D&E – Jan 29
FWAF – None
GC – Jan 31
LASC – None
UGC – Jan 30
AFAS – Jan 28

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Questions, concerns, or issues you would like to see addressed? Contact Senate Chair Schnier at senatechair@ucmerced.edu



Committee Highlights

[The Committee on Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) is conducting business as usual.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) transmitted the Call for FTE requests to the Provost/EVC.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) will be consulting with the administration on after-school, holiday, and summer childcare this spring.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) is revising its policy for establishing Organized Research Units (ORUs), as well as the campus' limited submission procedures.

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) discussed with Graduate Associate Dean Kello revisions to the fellowship review process and commented on the proposed Policy for the Establishment of New Schools/Colleges.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) commented on the President's Task Force Recommendations on Universitywide Policing and the Campus Space Management Principles. This spring, CRE will revise the proposed guidelines for Voting in Academic Personnel Cases and conduct the Senate's annual elections.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) opined on the proposed Policy for the Establishment of New Schools/Colleges. The committee also met with Faculty Equity Advisors to discuss the status of faculty hires. In January, D&E will discuss a proposal for faculty retention.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) has no updates.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) commented on the Campus Space Management Principles and the proposed Policy for the Establishment of New Schools/Colleges. UGC has reviewed 21 courses eligible for GE Badges. This spring, a UGC subcommittee will draft a proposal for a Review, Reading, and Recitation period.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) approved for campus review proposed revisions to Part IV. Section II: Master's Degree Requirements of the [Merced Division Regulations](#). DivCo is considering the role of school executive committee chairs vis-a-vis DivCo meetings.