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Division News

From the Senate Chair: As we settle into the rhythms of summer, I write with the final newsletter of the academic year.

Senate business has substantially quieted with the near complete cessation of Senate meetings at the Division level. CAP continues to meet, but its work concludes this month. The Academic Planning Working Group (APWG) is also at work, revising its recently reviewed proposal so that our school-based planning efforts can begin when we return in the fall. At the system level, committees will continue to meet through July reflecting differences between semester- and quarter-based academic calendars as well as the demands of shared governance. With this in mind, I thank our representatives to these committees for their ongoing commitment to representing the Merced Division into the summer. It is critical that Merced's perspectives and needs are reflected in system-level business, and we are grateful for their service.

On Wednesday, June 5, you should have received an email inviting participation in the *systemwide* vote on the Memorial to the Regents on Fossil Fuel Divestment. It may seem strange to be invited to vote on this topic for a second time. However, as per [Senate Bylaw 90](#), which outlines the process by which Memorials are approved, the Memorial advanced to a vote of the full membership of the Academic Senate following the Memorial's approval by more than three Divisions, representing at least thirty-five percent of the membership of the Senate. Information on how other Division's voted during the first stage of this process is available on [page 3 of the information](#) circulated with the most recent ballot. The vote will close on Wednesday, June 19, at 5 p.m. I hope you will take a moment to vote. If you are unable to find your ballot, please check your spam or junk folders. If it is not there, contact the Senate's Associate Director Fatima Paul at fpaul@ucmerced.edu.

In closing, as I stated in my [farewell letter to the Division](#), it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your chair. I wish you all the best for a restorative, productive summer. - Kurt Schnier

JUNE MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Committee meetings have concluded for all but CAP.

Systemwide

[Assembly](#) – June 12
UCEP- June 3
CCGA – June 5
BOARS – June 7
UCORP – June 10
UCFW – June 12
UCPB – June 18
Academic Council – June 26

CONTACT THE CHAIR

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) will continue meeting until June 21.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) commented on the Academic Planning Work Group's (APWG) proposal and the proposed implementation timeline for department chair duties.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) reviewed the [Research Grants Program Office Assessment Report](#).

[The Committee on Research](#) (CoR) is reviewing and discussing over email the Research Grants Program Office Assessment Report as the lead Senate committee reviewer.

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) discussed and voted on proposed revisions to the Graduate Policies and Procedures Handbook. It also commented on the proposed implementation timeline for department chair duties and the [UC Center Sacramento Assessment Report](#).

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) opined on the APWG materials, the proposed new APM section, [APM 011](#), and the [Interim Policy for Responding to Immigration Enforcement Involving Patients on UC Health Facilities](#). In response to a request from UGC, CRE also issued a ruling regarding potential conflicts of interest for members of UGC who sit on the General Education Executive Committee.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) opined on the APWG materials, APM 011, the UC Center Sacramento Assessment Report, the chair duties proposal, and the proposed Interim policy for Responding to Immigration Enforcement Involving Patients on UC Health Facilities.

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

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) recommended approval of the Economics B.S. proposal, effective Fall 2020, and offered comments on the chair duties proposal, APM 011, the APWG materials, and the UC Center Sacramento Assessment Report.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) endorsed the proposal for a B.S. in Economics, effective fall 2020. It has been transmitted to the administration for its consideration.