

Division Council (DivCo)
Minutes of Meeting
November 17, 2016

Pursuant to call, the Division Council met at 12:00 p.m. on November 17, 2016 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Susan Amussen presiding.

Present: Kurt Schnier, Ignacio López-Calvo, Mukesh Singhal, Patti LiWang, David Kelley, Ramesh Balasubramaniam, Tanya Golash-Boza, and Anne Zanzucchi. Virginia Adán-Lifante represented the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom.

I. Chair's Report and Announcements

A. Academic Leadership Retreat (11/7-11/8)

The Chair reported that the retreat was productive. Outcomes included the identification of a set of issues that will be the subject of task forces during spring semester. Budget information distributed at the retreat suggests that the budget will be very tight for the next one to two years. Budget surpluses are, however, expected two to three years from now, and the Chancellor's intention is to have in place policies to enable effective use of those funds. To support transparency in institutional budget, the chancellor will hold a budget forum for faculty at the start of spring semester. Questions also arose about the process by which administration consults with the Senate. In response, guidelines for consultation have been drafted and are included in the consent calendar for this meeting.

B. Sanctuary Campus Designation

The systemwide chair reported that the President is establishing a work group to address concerns related to undocumented students. The Chair has also contacted the Chancellor and Provost about this topic.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. The agenda was approved as presented.
- B. The minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.
- C. The guidelines for consultation with the Academic Senate were approved as presented. The Chair will distribute the guidelines to administrative leadership.

III. UC Merced Extension Program – Tammy Johnson, Director, Summer Session & Extension, and Lynn Reimer, Director, Education Programs University Extension

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Reimer briefly outlined the purpose and history of UC Merced's Extension program, which was approved for implementation by the Chancellor in August 2016. Most immediately, Extension plans to offer for-credit courses for K-12 teachers that address professional development needs associated with recent changes to school curriculum. Immediate next steps include developing policy and process for approving these 300-400X courses. Toward this end, a meeting has been organized for Monday, November 21, with the chairs Undergraduate and Graduate Council.

IV. MIST Master of Management Proposal – GC Chair Balasubramaniam

Members discussed the *Proposal for a Program of Professional Studies with PDST in pursuit of the Master of Management offered by a new Graduate Group in Management of Innovation, Sustainability, and Technology*, which was approved by Graduate Council at its November 14, 2016 meeting. Members unanimously approved the proposal and, separately, the new degree

title Master of Management with votes of nine for, zero against, and no abstentions. The Chair will forward the proposal to the administration for endorsement and submission to CCGA and the Office of the President.

V. Draft Charge for Police Advisory Committee – FWAF Vice Chair Adán-Lifante

Members discussed FWAF's November 15, 2016 comments on the draft charge for a Police Advisory Committee. Members unanimously endorsed FWAF's observations and affirmed the importance of this committee as an advisory body to the chief of police. Members noted that the committee's effectiveness as an advisory body depends largely on its independence and, toward this end, suggested the chief of police participate in the committee as an ex-officio member. The Chair will transmit DivCo's and FWAF's comments to Associate Chancellor Putney.

VI. CAPRA Proposal to Revise Campus Faculty Hiring Practices – CAPRA Chair Singhal

Members discussed CAPRA's November 7, 2016 proposal to revise the campus' faulty hiring plan. Members suggested it would be important to clarify the total number of FTE addressed by the proposal, specifically if the proposal addresses the original 140 FTE or only those FTE remaining after this year's hires. Concerns were also raised about the number of clusters that can be supported under Model 3, which proposes to direct only 20% of FTE toward cluster hires. Members also anticipated that the proposal may be of concern to faculty who are awaiting future cluster hiring opportunities.

VII. Proposed Amendments to Thondapu Family Chair in Bioengineering – Vice Chair Schnier

Vice Chair Schnier reported that, in keeping with the new process for reviewing and approving proposals for and amendments to endowed chairs, the proposed amendments to the terms of the Thondapu Family Endowed Chair in Bioengineering were circulated to the chairs executive committees of the Schools of Natural Sciences and Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts; no comments were received. The Vice Chair noted that the revisions make the conditions for appointment more flexible. A member expressed concern that expanding the terms of appointment to include early career scholars might direct chair benefits from the program to an individual's career. Members noted that chairs have multiple uses to faculties and that ultimately a faculty decides how the position is best used in the context of their programs. Members approved the revisions, voting eight in favor, one opposed, no abstentions. The Chair will transmit Divisional Council's approval to Assistant Vice Chancellor Carlson.

VIII. Committee Chairs' Reports

- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Chair Mukesh Singhal
CAPRA's November 21, 2016 meeting with provost has been moved to November 30.
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
CAP has submitted to the VPF its memo regarding the proposed revisions to the process by which faculty are appointed at the level of assistant professor 3 and lower. The annual APO/CAP meeting was held on November 16.
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Rick Dale
Chair Dale submitted a written report noting that CoC is focused on identifying additional members for CAPRA and CAP and that it continues to pursue an SNS representative to the GESC.
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam

GC Chair Balasubramaniam informed members that graduate students, particularly international students, are expressing concerns about future immigration policy as a result of the U.S. presidential election. Graduate Council has also alerted graduate group chairs to the issue, forwarding the Chancellor's letter on the topic to chairs together with a request to distribute to their students.

The meeting period concluded before it was possible to complete chair reports for [Committee on Research, Rules and Elections, Diversity and Equity](#), [Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#), and [Undergraduate Council](#).

Informational Items:

- October 28, 2016 letter from systemwide Chair Chalfant to Vice Provost Carlson regarding systemwide review of proposed technical revisions to APM 190, Appendix G

Attest: Susan Amussen, Chair