

Division Council (DivCo)
Minutes of Meeting
December 1, 2016

Pursuant to call, the Division Council met at 12:00 p.m. on December 1, 2016 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Susan Amussen presiding.

Present: Kurt Schnier, Ignacio López-Calvo, Mukesh Singhal, Patti LiWang, Ramesh Balasubramaniam, Tanya Golash-Boza, Jayson Beaster-Jones, Rick Dale, Lin Tian, and Anne Zanzucchi. Ramendra Saha represented the Committee on Research.

I. Chair's Report and Announcements

A. Meeting of the Division (11/28)

The Chair reported that the meeting was very successful. Topics of importance to the faculty and campus were productively discussed.

B. Sanctuary Campus Designation

The President's *Principles in Support of Undocumented Members of the UC Community* were disseminated to the system on November 30, 2016. The President has chosen to avoid use of the term "sanctuary campus" because it is imprecise.

C. UCAADE Salary Equity Inquiry

Committees have been asked to opine on UCAADE's request. However, since the questions address the campus' data capacity, the Senate is also consulting with representatives from Institutional Research and Decision Support and the Academic Personnel Office.

D. Meeting with Provost on 11/28

The Chair and Vice Chair raised the question of the organizational location of the campus' Extension and Summer Session programs given their role in the academic mission of the campus. The Chair is drafting a memo to the Provost/EVC on this topic. It will be circulated to Divisional Council for review and comment. Deans Council is preparing a response to Divisional Council's November 7 memo on the new summer session policy. The Chair and Vice Chair will be invited to Deans Council to discuss the policy.

E. Periodic Review of the Office of the Academic Senate

The Chair reported that the Office of the Academic Senate will undergo a periodic review this coming spring. The site visit will be scheduled for early May.

F. Academic Council (11/30)

The UC is working with other large universities to prepare for the new federal administration. The transition is important given that the UC receives over \$8 billion annually from the federal government, including \$3.6 billion in research funding and \$3.1 billion in financial aid. Concerns include the possibility of an increase in the constraints on use of funds, or other such strings, as well as the possible impact a repeal of the Affordable Care Act could have on hospital budgets and the cost of health insurance plans. National lab contracts are being renewed and, with that, there may be an increase in lab collaboration with UC campuses. UCOP is now considering long range enrollment planning on a 35 year horizon (i.e. 2050), with commensurate consideration of the planning necessary to support such an enrollment, as means to better facilitate and coordinate enrollment-related planning with the legislature. A special meeting of Academic Council is being organized to address the comments received on proposed revisions to APM 015 and 016.

II. Consent Calendar

Agenda approved as presented.

III. Chair Report: [Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) (LASC) and UCOLASC

At its November 8 meeting, the LASC endorsed the Library's 2020 proposed space plan, which involves reclaiming the west wing of Kolligian to address 2020-related growth in faculty and students together with increases in the Library's portfolio of services. The plan will be circulated to DivCo for discussion and endorsement. The LASC is also discussing open access-related issues and the Library budget. The latter has not grown, although subscription rates for some journals are tied to enrollment, and thus increase with our enrollment growth.

IV. Committee Chairs' Reports

- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Chair Mukesh Singhal
CAPRA met with the Provost on November 30 to discuss the criteria for foundational hires. CAPRA concluded that it would not finalize the criteria until the campus hiring plan is finalized, given the dependence of the criteria on the details of the hiring plan. CAPRA will submit its recommendations for faculty hiring to Provost Peterson by the end of the semester. The expectation is that the Provost will respond by mid to late January. CAPRA encouraged faculty units that have not yet responded to the proposed faculty hiring plan to do so, particularly in SNS.
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
There were no new updates since Monday's Meeting of the Division.
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Rick Dale
An SNS representative to GESC may have been identified. A new member has been appointed to CoR.
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Member Ramendra Saha
CoR continues to look to CoC for assistance with populating the SNRI ORU review committee. There is concern that the information provided by SNRI in their self-study is becoming obsolete due to delays in forming this committee. CoR has reviewed and supports VCORED's memo providing guidance to faculty on the topic of export control. CoR is analyzing responses to its survey regarding support for sponsored projects; a few clear patterns are emerging. A summary of the results will be distributed to the senate faculty. CoR has initiated review of the ORU proposal for the Center for the Humanities.
- [Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) – Chair Lin Tian
CRE continues to make progress on its voting rights document.
- [Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) – Chair Tanya Golash-Boza
There were no new updates since Monday's Meeting of the Division.
- [Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) – Chair Jayson Beaster-Jones
FWAF's after school childcare survey will be distributed soon.
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam
There was no GC report.
- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) – Chair Anne Zanzucchi
There were no new updates since Monday's Meeting of the Division.

V. School Executive Committee Input to Senate Planning Functions

DivCo discussed comments from UGC, GC and CAPRA regarding the need for and/or benefits of input by School Executive Committees, on each committee's resourcing and planning-related duties and responsibilities, as means for strengthening the role of the School Executive Committees (as Senate committees) in school and institutional planning. Concerns were raised about the number of committees and reporting lines by which information flows both to and through the schools and the number of meetings being held. A member noted that the diversification of committees and, in some cases the absence of school representatives on Senate committees, reinforces the role of the dean as the main point of contact in the school rather than information also flowing back to faculty through faculty/Senate-based channels. A member suggested inviting Undergraduate Chairs, Graduate Chairs, and the School Executive Committees to discuss and make recommendations to the dean about how information might best flow through school committees and how they would prefer to work with the dean. A member also suggested inviting Executive Committee chairs to DivCo in May to discuss the major outcomes DivCo's work for the year. Members concluded that they would encourage committees to go forward with their plans, as outlined in their responses to the Chair's request on this topic, and that the Chairs of School Executive Committee would be invited to join DivCo's May meeting.

VI. Proposal for Endowed Chair: UC Merced Foundation Board of Trustees Presidential Chair

The Vice Chair reported that no comments were received from the chairs of the executive committees of all three schools. DivCo discussed and unanimously approved the proposal to establish the *UC Merced Foundation Board of Trustees Presidential Chair*. The Chair will transmit DivCo's approval to Assistant Vice Chancellor Carlson.

VII. Principles for Start-up and Incidental Funds

DivCo discussed FWF's proposed principles to guide policy formulation and decision-making regarding access to, and provisioning and management of, start-up and incidental funds. Members recommended rephrasing the second principle to distinguish it from the first from as relates to the role of the dean. FWF will revise and DivCo will vote to endorse the revisions by email.

VIII. Campus Review Items**A. MAPP 6001 - Endowed Chairs**

DivCo discussed the comments received from CAPRA, CAP, FWF, and D & E. GC, CRE, CoR, and UGC appreciated the opportunity to opine, but declined to comment. Members recommended that policy language be revised to clarify that the Faculty Equity Advisor is not a voting member, but rather is advisory to the search committee. With respect to implementing the policy, members also recommended that, when chairships are used to retain faculty, attention be paid to potential equity impacts on women and under-represented minorities. DivCo will vote to endorse the revisions by email.

Attest: Susan Amussen, Chair