

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

December 11, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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| I. Chair’s Report & Announcements – <i>Chair Amussen</i> | 5 Min |
| A. Academic Council (11/29) | |
| B. Meeting with the Provost (12/6) | |
| II. Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| A. Approval of the Agenda | |
| III. Consultation with Chancellor Leland | 40 Min |
| IV. Executive Session Memo – <i>Vice Chair Schnier</i> | 10 Min |
| Following discussion at the November 6, 2017 Divisional Council meeting, a memo was drafted to the Deans’ Council affirming the publicly available principles guiding executive session. At the November 27, 2017 DivCo meeting, a member requested this item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion, commenting that the memo is ambiguous with respect to rationale, audience, and intended results. | |
| Action Requested: Discuss the memo and determine next steps. | |
| V. D&E and FWF Memoranda on Faculty Hiring – <i>D&E Chair Chin & FWF Chair Malloy</i> | 10 Min |
| Following discussion at the November 27, 2017 DivCo meeting, D&E and FWF have revised their general statement of principles titled “Diversity, Hiring, Retention, and Excellence at UC Merced” to address implicit bias. The track change version is here . Members are asked to consider these revisions and endorse for transmittal to the Provost/EVC this memorandum together with a more specific set of recommendations for immediate action titled “Diversity in Faculty Hiring.” The complete packet is here . | |
| Action Requested: Endorse the packet for transmittal to the Provost/EVC. | |
| VI. Sierra Nevada Research Institute Review (SNRI) – <i>CoR Chair Noelle</i> | 5 Min |
| Following its review of the SNRI Director’s response to SNRI’s five year review, CoR has recommended that SNRI’s status as an ORU be renewed and Professor Roger Bales reappointed as its Director. Members are asked to endorse CoR’s recommendation. | |
| Action Requested: Endorse for transmittal of VCORED Traina CoR’s recommendation to renew ORU status for SNRI and to reappoint its Director, Roger Bales. | |
| VII. Committee Chairs’ Reports | 15 Min |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Undergraduate Council (UGC) – Chair Anne Zanzucchi ● Graduate Council (GC) – Vice Chair LeRoy Westerling ● Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF) – Chair Sean Malloy | |

- [Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) –Chair, Wei-Chun Chin
- [Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) – Chair Lin Tian
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Chair David Noelle
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Tom Hansford
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Chair Mukesh Singhal

VIII. Other Business

IX. Informational Items

- 12/5/2017 – [Senate comments](#) on the Negotiated Salary Trial Program were transmitted to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel, Susan Carlson