

## DIVISION COUNCIL

April 6, 2017

12:00– 1:30 PM

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Item

- I. Chair’s Report and Announcements – Chair Amussen** **10 Min**
- A. Meeting with Provost (3/21)
  - B. Academic Council (3/22)
  - C. Budget Presentation to UCOP (4/3)

- II. Consent Calendar** **10 Min**
- A. Approval of the Agenda
  - B. Order a vote by ballot: As per [Division Bylaw Part I, Title IV, 3.L](#), Divisional Council orders a ballot, when quorum is not achieved at a Divisional meeting for action on legislation presented in the Notice for that meeting. The [Notice](#) for the November 28, 2016 Meeting of the Division included proposed revisions to Division Bylaws regarding the membership of the Committee for Diversity and Equity (Bylaw II.III.6), and a vote was taken. However, quorum was not achieved at the meeting, so DivCo is asked to order a ballot. Following this order, an electronic ballot will be issued, and a vote taken, before the end of the semester.

- III. Campus Review Items** **20 min**
- A. **SoE Bylaw Proposals – Ad-Large Member Kelley**

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on [proposals](#) for the formation of five new academic units in the School of Engineering, together with a revised set of School Bylaws to take effect if the School divides into the proposed set of academic units. Associated review correspondence is [here](#), and the governing policy [here](#). CRE, CAP, CAPRA, GC, and UGC are the lead committees for this review. With its [March 15, 2017 memo](#), CRE endorsed the proposals as presented.

**Action Requested:** 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Vote to approve the proposals. 3) Transmit Divisional Council’s approval to the Provost/EVC.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CRE](#) endorsed the proposals.
- [CoR](#) unanimously supports the proposals.
- [D&E](#) endorsed the proposals, and encouraged attention to diversity (race and gender) in future faculty hiring.
- [CAPRA](#) has requested revised proposals addressing the resource needs to set up departments.
- [UGC](#) offered comments on a number of aspects of the proposals related to undergraduate learning and success.

**Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:** [CAP](#) and [FWAF](#).

**B. *Guide to Senate Committee Membership & Purpose & Practice of Executive Session – UGC Chair Zanzucchi***

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the draft [Guide to Senate Committee Membership and the Purpose and Practice of Executive Session](#). The document is intended to establish for the Merced Division of the Academic Senate, and the larger campus community, a common reference regarding fundamental aspects of Senate committee membership and function. The final version will be posted on the Senate's website for public reference, and function as an overarching guide for committee-specific decisions related to the conduct of committee meetings.

**Action Requested:** 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Vote to adopt the guide.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CAPRA](#) endorsed the guide.
- [D&E](#) endorsed the guide.
- [FWAF](#) endorsed the guide.
- [LASC](#) endorsed the guide.
- SSHA Executive Committee supports the guide.

**Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:** [CAP](#), [CoR](#), and [CRE](#).

**IV. Systemwide Review Item****5 min****A. *Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy- CoR Chair Noelle***

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the draft [Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System \(UAS\) Policy](#). As per the [accompanying cover letter](#), the policy is intended to establish minimum standards for the safe use and operation of UAS and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS), including drones and model aircraft, on any University Location or at any Authorized University Activity. This policy requires that all UAS operations are performed in a manner that mitigates risks to safety, security, and privacy, and ensures compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–95) and all applicable laws. CoR and Graduate Council are the lead committees for this review.

**Action Requested:** 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Transmit Division Council's response to systemwide Senate Chair Chalfant by April 19, 2017.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CoR](#) endorses the policy, but requests a clearer articulation of the application process.

**Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:** [CAP](#), [CAPRA](#), [CRE](#), [D&E](#), [FWAF](#), [GC](#), and UGC.

**V. CRE Recommended Voting Procedures – CRE Member Vanderschraaf 10 Min**

Members are asked to discuss CRE's [Recommended Voting Procedures in Academic Personnel Cases](#).

**Action Requested:** 1) Discuss document. 2) Determine next steps.

**VI. Statement of Support for IT Funding – CAPRA Chair Singhal 10 Min**

Following a meeting with CIO Kovalchick, [CAPRA has stated its strong support](#) for IT receiving the resources it needs to further the teaching, research and service mission of the university, including funds to replace and repair audiovisual equipment. CAPRA has asked that this statement be communicated to the Provost and Chancellor.

**Action Requested:** 1) Discuss CAPRA's request. 2) Determine next steps.

**VII. Committee Chairs' Reports 20 Min**

- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) – Chair Anne Zanzucchi
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Ramesh Balasubramaniam
- [Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) – Chair Jayson Beaster-Jones
- [Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) – Chair Tanya Golash Boza
- [Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) – Member Peter Vanderschraaf
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Chair David Noelle
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Rick Dale
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Chair Mukesh Singhal

**VIII. Information Items**

- A. Framework for UC's Shape and Growth – On March 30, 2017 UC Merced submitted to UCOP its [scenario for 20,000 student FTE at 2040](#).
- B. The [SSHA Executive Committee has asked campus leadership](#) to ensure that sufficient time for faculty consultation is built into timelines for major planning initiatives.
- C. [Academic Council has approved](#) a Master of Conservation and Restoration Science (MCRS) Degree at UC Irvine.
- D. [Academic Council endorsed](#) the plan recommended by the University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) for changing the administrative and record keeping fee assessment structure for the University Retirement Savings Program.