

## DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

September 25, 2017

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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| I.   | <b>Chair’s Report &amp; Announcements – Chair Amussen</b>  | <b>10 Min</b> |
|      | A. Meetings with Provost (9/11, 9/18, 9/25)  |               |
|      | B. Chancellor’s Extended Cabinet (9/20)  |               |
| II.  | <b>Consent Calendar</b>  | <b>5 Min</b>  |
|      | A. Approval of the Agenda  |               |
|      | B. Approval of the <a href="#">August 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes</a>   |               |
| III. | <b>Consultation with the Director of Institutional Research &amp; Decision Support, Jenna Allen</b>  | <b>15 min</b> |
| IV.  | <b>Campus Review Items</b>   | <b>15 Min</b> |
|      | A. <a href="#">Philosophy Major</a> – UGC Chair Zanzucchi  |               |
|      | Members are asked to discuss committee and administration comments on the <a href="#">Proposal for a Philosophy B.A.</a> UGC and CAPRA are the lead committees for this review.  |               |
|      | <b>Actions Requested:</b> 1) Discuss comments. 2) Vote to endorse the proposal effective spring 2018. 3) Transmit Divisional Council’s endorsement to the administration for implementation.   |               |
|      | <b>Committee Comments:</b>   |               |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">UGC</a> approved the proposal, noting the program is well designed and sustainable.</li> <li>• <a href="#">CAPRA</a> endorsed the proposal, noting the dean’s assertion that the program will be resource neutral for the most part.</li> <li>• <a href="#">GC</a> endorsed the proposal.</li> </ul>  |               |
|      | <b>Administration Comments:</b>  |               |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Provost</a> supports the program’s implementation, with comments on longer-term resource demands, program instruction, projected enrollment, and collaboration with other units.</li> </ul>   |               |
|      | <b>Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:</b> CAP, CRE, CoR, and FWAF.   |               |
|      | B. <a href="#">Draft UCM Policy on Assurance of Laboratory Safety Compliance</a> – CoR Chair Noelle  |               |
|      | Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the draft <a href="#">UCM Policy on Assurance of Laboratory Safety Compliance</a> . The policy outlines minimum safety procedures and requirements, and establishes a procedure for correcting deficiencies and issues of non-compliance in campus laboratories. The policy will apply to all Principal Investigators and anyone working in a UC Merced laboratory. CoR and GC are the lead committees for this review. |               |

**Actions Requested:** 1) Discuss committee comments. 2) Transmit Divisional Council’s response to the UC Merced Office of Campus Climate and Compliance by September 29.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CoR](#) found the draft policy to be mostly clear and well organized, and identified aspects of the document worthy of reconsideration and/or elaboration.
- [CAPRA](#) endorsed the policy, while raising the concern that placing responsibility for policy compliance on bylaw unit chairs may make it difficult to recruit chairs until such time chairs have the resources and support of true department chairs.
- [GC](#) concluded the policy was an appropriate step for promoting compliance with safety practices and reducing liability, while noting that actions must be taken to make it easy for PIs to ensure and document compliance.
- [SNS Executive Committee](#) identified concerns, primarily related to the responsibilities assigned to bylaw unit chairs, and concluded that the policy reasonably can only be implemented after the resources, duties, and authorities of the department chairs are clarified.

**Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:** CAP, CRE, D&E, FWAF, and UGC.

**V. FWAF Childcare Survey Results – FWAF Chair Malloy 10 Min**

In its [September 18, 2017 memo](#), FWAF provides the results of the last spring’s survey on childcare, and makes recommendations regarding three issues of concern to emerge from the survey.

**Actions Requested:** Endorse the memo for transmission to the Provost, Vice Provost of the Faculty, and Interim Vice Chancellor of Business & Administrative Services.

**VI. Informational: Update on new WSCUC requirement – Laura Martin, ALO 5 Min**

WSCUC has revised policies related to substantive change review. All new undergraduate graduate, and non-degree programs must undergo screening for substantive change, prior to implementation. Additionally, any new program, including non-degree programs, for which 50% or more is delivered at a site other than the main campus may have to undergo WSCUC staff review for substantive change.

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

- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) – Chair Anne Zanzucchi
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Teamrat Ghezzehei
- [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 (written report)
- [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. Informational Items**

- August 29, 2017 – Transmitted to President Napolitano: [Academic Council's endorsement](#) of two statements by the University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF): 1) "On the Free Exchange of Information"; and 2) support of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 21.
- [Divisional Council Annual Report 2016-17](#)
- UC Merced's [final report](#) to UCOP on its Activity Based Costing Pilot conducted as part of the system's Budget Framework Initiative.