

**DIVISIONAL COUNCIL****Minutes of Meeting****October 23, 2018**

Pursuant to call, the Divisional Council met at 3:00 p.m. on October 23, 2018 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Senate Chair Kurt Schnier presiding.

Present: Ignacio Lopez-Calvo, Laura Hamilton, Linda Hirst, Anne Kelley, Yanbao Ma, Shawn Newsam, Clarissa Nobile, Jay Sharping, Michael Scheibner, Jessica Trounstone, Peter Vanderschraaf, LeRoy Westerling, and Christopher Viney. The Graduate Council was represented by Vice Chair, Hrant Hratchian. Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Gregg Camfield, joined the meeting for agenda item I.

**I. Consultation with Interim Provost Camfield**

The Interim Provost briefly discussed program review and assessment, planning, and space allocation. The provost is working with PROC to reconsider the process by which periodic review of administrative units is conducted. The goal is to develop a robust way of reviewing units in light of function and end-to-end process, rather than unit by unit, as currently done, and to tie this to annual employee review. With respect to academic program assessment, PROC is going to look at what it asks faculty to do and revise expectations to strengthen alignment with the faculty interest in improving student learning. Finally, the Interim Provost is working with CAPRA and the administration to develop integrative planning. Regarding the space allocation proposal, Director Saunders is summarizing the 300 plus comments received to share with the administration and Senate to enable consultation and decision making. A member asked if the summary is going to be shared with all faculty members. The Provost reported it will come to DivCo.

**II. Chair's Report & Announcements – Chair Schnier****A. Meeting with Chancellor and Interim Provost (10/22)**

Discussion focused on revisions to the draft Policy for Establishment of a School/College, the agenda for systemwide Senate Chair and Vice Chair visit, and the effort to encourage campus resourcing that takes into consideration differences in the cost of educating different student populations. The goal is that all UC's receive additional funds for students that are more expensive to educate.

**B. Extended Cabinet Meeting (10/17)**

Items considered included integrative planning, relief of debt service to UCOP, and modernizing systems, including Bobcat Buy. An enrollment update indicated that the campus has exceeded its enrollment targets for the year.

**C. Enrollment Management Discussion with Provost (10/11)**

Discussion focused on distinguishing enrollment strategy from execution of the strategy and, in turn, the responsible parties. The Senate needs to be actively engaged in the enrollment management strategy. An additional meeting is planned to discuss the charge to the strategy group.

**III. Consent Calendar**

A. The agenda was approved as presented.

**IV. Campus Review Items****A. Proposed revisions to Bylaw II.IV.4.A - LASC Membership**

Members discussed committee comments on the [proposed revisions](#) to the [Division Bylaw II.IV.4.A](#) – the membership of the Library and Scholarly Communications Committee (LASC). In discussing committee comments, members noted the diversity of responses, which ranged from endorsement to a lack of support due to concerns about populating an expanded committee given the challenges of

meeting existing demands for Senate service. Other observations included that seven members would make the committee larger than several other committees including the Committee on Research, Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom, and Diversity and Equity; whether growing the committee, in the absence of any increase in workload, could be justified; and that it would be efficient to avoid tying the committee's growth to the existing school structure, so as to prevent having to revise the bylaw following the addition of new schools in the not-too-distant future (e.g. the Gallo School). Ultimately, members recommended returning committee comments to LASC and encouraging the committee to consult with Divisional Council before making revisions.

**ACTION:** The Chair will transmit committee and CIO comments to LASC, and encourage the LASC to consult with DivCo before responding.

**B. [UC Merced Voting Policies in Academic Personnel Cases](#)**

Members recommended that CRE work with D&E and FWAF to address the committees' remaining concerns. The revised document would then be returned to DivCo for consideration for endorsement. Revisions will emphasize that the document proposes options or best practices rather than recommendations for practice.

**ACTION:** The Chair will transmit committee comments to CRE, with the recommendation to work with D&E and FWAF to revise the document before returning it to Divisional Council for consideration.

**V. Non-Senate Faculty Request for Representation on Senate Committees**

Members continued discussion, initiated at DivCo's October 9 meeting, regarding the request for non-Senate representation on Senate committees. The Chair reported, that through discussion with the Interim VPF, the question emerged as to whether involvement on Senate committees is the appropriate solution to the need for greater inclusion and involvement of lecturing faculty in decision making on campus. Departments were mentioned as a place where their contributions might make the most difference. Regarding representation on Senate committees, a member pointed out that they are already represented via the union. A point was made that union representation is exclusive to employment and does not address involvement in the university governance. In general, members concluded that many of the concerns perhaps could be more effectively addressed if a small work group was formed to consider best practices for involving unit 18 lecturing faculty in governance at the departmental level and to consider what principles might guide consideration of their involvement in Senate committees.

**ACTION:** The Chair will recommend to the administration the formation of such a work group.

**VI. Discussion Item: Chairs' Reports**

Committee chairs' reports were circulated to members by email on Monday, October 22. The CoR Chair highlighted a solicitation he distributed calling for topics for the UC-National Laboratory Fees Research Program's next cycle of "Collaborative Research and Training" awards for 2020. The UGC Chair reported that Valerie Leppert has been appointed faculty Chair of the GE program. She and VPDUE Whit will join DivCo's next meeting to share plans for advancing implementation of the GE program.

**VII. Informational Items**

- 10/10 – Senate Chair May transmitted to Provost Brown [the Senate's recommendations](#) regarding the Proposed Consolidation of UC's Mexico Entities.
- 10/9 - Senate Chair May transmitted to President Napolitano [the Senate's recommendations](#) regarding Academic Freedom for non-Senate Academic Appointees.

Attest: Kurt Schnier, Chair