

**DIVISIONAL COUNCIL****Minutes of Meeting****October 9, 2018**

Pursuant to call, the Divisional Council met at 3:00 p.m. on October 9, 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, Jay Sharping, Michael Scheibner, Jessica Trounstone, Peter Vanderschraaf, LeRoy Westerling, and Christopher Viney. The Committee for Diversity and Equity was represented by member, Ahmed Arif. Guests included Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Gregg Camfield, for agenda item I and the Executive Director of Space Planning and Analysis, Maggie Saunders, for agenda item II.

**I. Consultation with Interim Provost Camfield**

The Interim Provost reported that the space proposal has been distributed for campus comment and feedback will be considered by administrative and Senate leadership in November. All individuals are encouraged to comment. He also reported on the Academic Freedom Initiative, which consists of a small group of faculty who are investigating the implications of the new climate on academic freedom, and developing a tool kit to support teaching and research in this new context. The committee responds to the Chancellor's desire to address this issue. A member asked if the committee will address how to engage students in critically thinking about media, including social media. Members also requested the committee's membership, which the Interim Provost will forward.

**ACTION:** The Interim Provost will provide the membership of the Academic Freedom Initiative Core Team.

**II. Consultation on the 2020 Space Plan and Back Fill Planning**

The Chair welcomed Executive Director of Space Planning and Analysis, Maggie Saunders, and thanked her for joining DivCo to discuss the campus's 2020 space and backfill plan and for ongoing efforts to consult broadly with the faculty. Director Saunders reported that comments on the campus's space plan are going to be synthesized for consideration by administrative and Senate leadership, with the goal of having a final plan by Thanksgiving. In response to a question, Director Saunders reported the campus will not be updating equipment of those who are moving, but those who do move will likely receive new office furniture. A member stated that comments on the space plan seem focused on departments wanting "more space" and wondered how likely departments are to succeed with that request. Director Saunders responded that it depends upon the request, and that additional offices will be allocated as an outcome of academic planning.

The Director also reported it is possible to increase library seating by 180 seats. There is funding for half the project, and the project's proponents would like the faculty to support a request for the remaining funds. Surveys indicate students would like more individual study space. A member noted that Kolligian's future space plans include considerable space for Student Affairs rather than study spaces for students. Director Sanders responded that neither the library nor Student Affairs' space needs were adequately considered in the 2020 planning. The result is that there is no other location for Student Affairs staff.

**III. Chair's Report & Announcements**

A. Meetings with Interim Provost Camfield (9/20, 9/24, 10/3)

The Chair reported that recent meetings had focused on resourcing GE, advancing the campus's academic planning activities, diversity hiring in STEM, the Academic Freedom Initiative, and the new Long Range Development Plan. Most recently, a meeting to revise the charge to the Academic Planning Work Group is being organized in response to the Deans' comments on the original charge.

B. Academic Council (10/3)

The Chair reported that discussion addressed the renegotiation of UC's contract with Elsevier; multi-year budgeting and planning in anticipation of a new governor; restructuring of UC Mexxus; and the return of native American artifacts. A question was raised about open access and whether a pool of funds will be available to support those who want to publish open access but can't afford it. The Chair responded that the hope is that the money saved on subscriptions will be used to support open access publishing by all faculty.

C. Meeting with Chancellor and Interim Provost (10/8)

The Chair reported that the Chancellor has made progress on her plans to improve access to healthcare for faculty and staff. The Chair encouraged her to update FWAF as well. The Chair let the Chancellor and Provost know that the Senate is drafting a policy for the establishment of new schools and colleges.

D. The Chair also apologized for the very short period provided for review of the draft Long Range Development Plan, and encouraged members to focus on the new text for Chapter 4. Given the timeline, comments are being solicited from Chairs only, rather than committees.

E. The Chair announced that Systemwide Chair and Vice, Robert May and Kum Kum Bhavnani, will be visiting campus on November 26 to learn about the Division and the issues of importance to the faculty.

IV. **Consent Calendar**

A. The agenda was approved as presented.

V. **Campus Review Item**

A. [Extension's Child Development and Care Non-Degree Program](#)

Following discussion of committee comments on the proposal for a [Certificate in Child Development and Care](#) (CDC), a motion was made, seconded, and carried endorsing the proposal. The cover letter will request that CAPRA's question be answered, regarding how the break-even enrollment number of seven, and more generally the program's viability, was determined, and will encourage that future proposals explicitly address how such determinations are made.

**ACTION:** The Chair will transmit the Senate's endorsement to the Dean of Extension.

VI. [FWAF Memo on Proposed Parking Plans](#)

Following discussion of FWAF's memo articulating concerns regarding the proposed parking changes and the process by which they were generated, members agreed that there were many outstanding questions that would best be addressed through conversation with TAPS. It was agreed that the Senate Chair and Vice Chair would meet with the TAPS Director to better understand the consultation process for the new fee structure, license plate data security, and more generally the process by which parking related planning and decision-making are made.

**ACTION:** The Chair and Vice Chair will meet with the Director of TAPS and report back to DivCo.

**VII. School Executive Committee Chairs at DivCo**

Members evaluated possible options for involving school executive committee chairs (EC chairs) in Divisional Council meetings. These include revising bylaws to make EC chairs members of DivCo, inviting school chairs to DivCo periodically throughout the semester, and making chairs permanent guests at DivCo meetings. A number of observations were made regarding the context for such a decision: that their inclusion would strengthen communication between DivCo and the school executive committees; that LASC had previously been declined representation on DivCo, and that it would be appropriate to add LASC before school executive committee chairs; that EC chairs are not members of Division executive committees at a majority of other Divisions; and that DivCo and its represented committees provide institutional perspectives on issues, while school executive committees are not inherently institutionally oriented. A member suggested the possibility of having a Divisional Council representative on each executive committee. The idea of piloting their inclusion was also suggested. Ultimately, members concluded it would be useful to develop a set of principles to guide such a decision, now and in the future, and that the EC Chairs would be invited to contribute to the principles. Members also desired some sense of the commitment of schools to participate in Divisional Council meetings, both current and future.

**ACTION:** The Chair will invite the EC chairs to propose principles/rationale for their participation on DivCo and to provide some indication of the school's commitment to ongoing participation at whatever level is determined.

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

Members discussed [a request](#) from the Chair of the Equity and Inclusion Governance Work Group, Iris Ruiz, to the chairs of FWAF and D&E to consider revising each committee's bylaws to include non-Senate representation on the committee, including limited voting rights. Questions were raised about legality of establishing committee positions for non-Senate faculty on committees given the restrictions of the Unit-18 contract. Also raised were differences between faculty with continuing appointments versus those hired for limited periods of time. The idea of developing principles to guide decision-making about representation, including on specific committees, was also discussed.

**ACTION:** The discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

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

No comment or additions were raised in response to committee chairs' reports that were circulated to members by email on Monday, October 8.

**X. Informational Items**

- 8/20 - [President Napolitano responds](#) to the Academic Senate's August 3, 2018 letter regarding resourcing needs for student mental health services.
- 9/18 – [Memo from VCORED Traina](#) regarding Export Controls and Chinese companies

Attest: Kurt Schnier, Chair