

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

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| I. | Consultation with Interim Provost Camfield | 10 Min |
| II. | LASC Update – LASC Chair Maria DePrano Chair of the Library and Scholarly Communications Committee (LASC), Maria DePrano, will provide members with an update on LASC business. Revisions to the LASC’s membership and, in turn, bylaw Part II. Title IV.4.A will also be discussed. DivCo’s comments on this topic are here . | 10 Min |
| III. | Chair’s Report & Announcements – Chair Schnier A. Meeting with Interim Provost (12/11) B. Meeting with Chancellor and Interim Provost (12/3) C. Academic Council (11/28) | 10 Min |
| IV. | Consent Calendar A. The Agenda | 5 Min |
| V. | Campus Review Items A. Proposed Revisions to Policy for Posthumous Baccalaureate Degrees – <i>UGC Chair Sharping</i> Members are asked to discuss committee comments on revisions to the campus’s policy for awarding posthumous baccalaureate degrees proposed by Undergraduate Council. The proposed revisions follow a request from Academic Council for campuses to review their policies in light of a model policy developed by the University Committee on Education Policy (UCEP). Lead committees for this review are GC and the school executive committees. Deans, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the Registrar were also invited to comment. | 15 Min |

Action Requested: Determine next steps.**Committee Comments:**

- [CRE](#) recommends clarifying the policy’s text to indicate that baccalaureate degrees are to be awarded posthumously, not “posthumous baccalaureate degrees,” as stated in the text.
- [GC](#) recommends revising “who will” to “who may” in footnote 1 and restoring the language in footnote 1 to the text of bullet point 2.
- [Dean Matsumoto](#) recommends a policy be considered regarding the degree award semester and which commencement announcement/program the student name is listed.
- [VCSA](#) suggested the policy designate the campus’s designated point of contact as the individual who will work with the student’s family regarding the awarding of the degree in cases when the review is not initiated by the family.

- [VPDUE](#) supported comments by Dean Matsumoto and the VSCA.
- [SoE EC](#) recommends explicit language providing latitude for the timing of degree conferral, following family consultation.
- [SSHA EC](#) recommended that UGC approve recommendations for a posthumous degrees to be conferred on undergraduates not in their final semester.

Committees and administrators that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, CAPRA, CoR, D&E, FWAF, and Registrar.

B. [Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session](#) – *CRE Chair Viney*

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the proposed [Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session](#). The proposed principles and associated practices are intended to establish for committee members, consultants, guests, and the broader community, a set of expectations for how executive sessions are conducted, and to promote consistency in the implementation of executive sessions across Senate committees. An endorsed, final version will be posted to the Senate website. There were no lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: Determine next steps.

Committee Comments:

- [CRE](#) recommends clarifying apparently contradictory statements about minutes in executive session.
- [D&E](#) endorses the principles.
- [FWAF](#) endorses the principles.
- [GC](#) unanimously endorsed the document, noting that principles and associated practices do not in any way abrogate or otherwise restrict committee rights to undertake executive sessions
- [UGC](#) endorsed the principles.
- [SoE EC](#) does not support the document.
- [SSHA EC](#) supported that policy decisions made in Executive Session be shared with all committee members, but was not entirely clear about the meaning of the comment in principle 3 that decisions made in Executive session be reported in more than one format.

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, CAPRA, and CoR.

- VI. Graduate Council Memo: Graduate Education & Research Support – *GC Chair Westerling* 10 Min**
Members are asked to discuss [a memo from Graduate Council to the Chancellor and Interim Provost](#) on the topic of support for graduate education and research in light of the campus's R1 goals.

Action Requested: Endorse the memo for transmittal to the Chancellor and Interim Provost.

- VII. FWAF Memo: Equity for Teaching Professors – *FWAF Chair Hamilton* 10 Min**
Members are asked to discuss [a memo from the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) recommending development of a campus-based workload standard for the Teaching Professor series.

Action Requested: Determine next steps.

- VIII. Proposed Revisions: Masters Degree Requirements – GC Chair Westerling** **5 Min**
Following consultation with Graduate Group Chairs, Graduate Council is proposing revisions to Part IV. Section II: Master’s Degree Requirements of the [Merced Division Regulations](#). The revisions would reduce the minimum of units of approved courses required for a master’s degree by comprehensive exam (Plan II) from 30 to 24 and, commensurately, from 24 to 20 the number of units which must be from graduate-level courses in the 200 series.
- Action Requested:** Endorse for campus review.
- IX. DivCo Participation: School Executive Committee Chairs – Vice Chair Kelley** **10 Min**
Members are asked to discuss [the response from the School Executive Committee Chairs](#) to the [Senate Chair’s request](#) for principles to guide decision making about school executive committee chairs’ participation in Divisional Council meetings.
- Action Requested:** Determine next steps.
- X. Discussion Item: Chairs’ Reports** **5 Min**
Committee chairs’ reports were circulated to members by email on Monday, December 10. Members are invited to follow-up on any reported items.
- XI. Informational Items**
- 12/1 – [Academic Senate comments](#) on the draft report of President Napolitano’s UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee were transmitted to the Chair of the UC ANR Advisory Committee.