

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
February 20, 2018
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
KL 360

Zoom Information: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/360919163> or
 Phone: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968

Meeting ID: 360 919 163

Supporting Documents available on [Box](#)
[Committee Bylaws](#)

Item

- | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| I. | Chair’s Report & Announcements – Chair Amussen | 15 Min |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Chancellor’s Cabinet (2/14) B. Assembly Meeting (2/14) C. Meeting with Provost (2/14) D. Meeting with Chancellor (2/14) | |
| II. | Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval of the Agenda B. Approval of the February 6, 2018 minutes | |
| III. | Campus Review Items | 20 Min |

- A. [Revised Honors Regulations](#) – UGC Chair Zanzucchi
 Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the [proposed revisions](#) to [Section Part II, Section 4](#) of the Division Regulations addressing Honors. The revisions establish standards for awarding High and Highest Honors in the major. [CRE approved](#) the proposed revisions on October 12, 2017.

Action Request: Endorse proposed revisions for consideration by the Division at the April 16, 2018 Meeting of the Division.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) recommended that proposals for honors programs be approved by CAPRA, as well as UGC, and proposed conforming revisions to the draft Regulations.
- [CoR](#) endorsed the proposed revisions.
- [UGC](#) proposed striking the following sentence from the proposed revision: “Programs may include levels of honors at graduation.”

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, D&E, FWAF, GC, and the Natural Sciences Executive Committee.

- B. [Minor in Management Analytics and Decision- Making](#) – UGC Chair Zanzucchi
 Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the [Proposal for a Minor in Management Analytics and Decision Making at UC Merced](#). This is the second review of the minor. Committees that commented on the prior proposal were invited to review the proposed revisions and program’s response. Proposal materials included the Senate’s [prior comments](#), the [program’s response](#), [example syllabi](#), and [letters of support](#), including the dean’s analysis.

Action Request: Endorse for transmittal to the administration.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) supports implementation of the minor assuming no additional resources are needed for five years; CAPRA provided analysis of a number of issues including the program's contributions to UC Merced's planned growth.
- UGC - pending
- [SSHA EC](#) communicated a number of significant concerns raised by the SSM bylaw unit, and asked UGC to defer any approval of this minor until the concerns of the SSM faculty have been addressed and resolved.
- [SSHA CC](#) expressed a number of concerns, including overlap with the existing MBE program.
- [The Provost](#) continues to be supportive of what a minor in management analytics and decision-making could offer our students and community if it were clearly distinct from existing programs, but is still looking for clear evidence that it is distinct.

IV. [EECS CCGA Proposal](#) - *GC Chair Teamrat Ghezzehei* **10 Min**

At its February 1, 2018 meeting, Graduate Council approved for transmittal to the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) the proposal for [A Program of Graduate Studies in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science for MS and PhD Degrees](#). Members are asked to approve the proposal for consideration by CCGA. The proposal packet includes [the proposal](#), [all review correspondence](#), [faculty CVs](#), the [request for review by program chairs within the UC system](#), and a [proposed list of reviewers](#).

Action Requested: Approve proposal for transmittal to the administration and ultimately CCGA.

V. [GE Program Implementation](#) – *Chair Amussen* **10 Min**

Members are asked to discuss [a memo](#) from the Chair of the School of Engineering Executive Committee regarding the implementation of the Spark seminars and the new General Education program.

Action Requested: Determine Next Steps

VI. [Committee Chairs' Reports](#) **20 Min**

- [Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) – Chair Anne Zanzucchi
- [Graduate Council](#) (GC) – Chair Teamrat Ghezzehei
- [Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) – Vice Chair Virginia Adan-Lifante
- [Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) –Chair, Wei-Chun Chin
- [Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) – Chair Lin Tian
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Chair David Noelle
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Tom Hansford
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) –CAPRA Chair Mukesh Singhal

VII. [Informational Items](#)

- 1/30/2018 – [Provost Brown extended](#) the Negotiated Salary Trial Program for an additional four years with a fifth year “wind-down” should the program not be continued after four years.