

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

February 6, 2018

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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| I. | Chair’s Report & Announcements – Chair Amussen | 10 Min |
| | A. Meeting with Chancellor (2/1) | |
| | B. Senate/UCOP Leadership Budget Call (1/26) | |
| | C. Academic Planning Council (1/29) | |
| | D. Academic Council (1/31) | |

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| II. | Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| | A. Approval of the Agenda | |

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| III. | System Review Items | 15 Min |
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- A. [Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations](#) – GC Chair Ghezzehei
Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the [Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations](#). As per [the accompanying cover letter](#), the proposed policy brings theses and dissertations into the overall framework of UC’s other open access policies as, currently, there is no systemwide uniformity or policy ensuring open access to graduate students’ theses and dissertations. GC, CoR, and LASC are the lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: Transmit Divisional Council’s comments to the Senate Chair by March 14, 2018.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) supports the policy, noting it will impose minimal burden on the VPDGE.
- [CoR](#) endorsed the proposed policy.
- [D&E](#) offered two recommendations: students be able to opt out of E-scholarship, with the provision that the work be available via another platform; the relationship of this new platform to any mandatory platform as designated by the School’s Graduate Division, in UC Merced’s case, ProQuest, be clarified.
- [GC](#) raised concerns about the policy, and made three related recommendations: extend the embargo period for up to six years; offer students the option to opt out of the requirement; and revise the embargo-extension language to be less intimidating.
- [LASC](#) supports the proposed policy, but recommends an option to extend the embargo for up to six years.

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, CRE, FWAf, and UGC.

B. [Proposed Revised APM Sections: 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135 and 235](#) – CAP Chair López-Calvo

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on [proposed revisions to APM Sections 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135, and 235](#). The proposed revisions respond to recommendations from the first systemwide review. CAP is the lead committee for this review.

Action Requested: Transmit Divisional Council’s comments to the Senate Chair by February 21, 2018.

Committee Comments:

- [CAP](#) continues to support the proposed revisions, and recommends several clarifications.
- [CoR](#) notes that its previous question has not been addressed; specifically whether the renaming of this series implies shifts in teaching expectations such that faculty with these titles would be able/expected to teach at the graduate level.
- [FWAF](#) endorsed the proposed revisions.
- [GC](#) endorsed the proposed revisions.
- [UGC](#) commented on the working title, limits on using the title in hiring, and teaching load.

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAPRA, CRE, and D&E.

IV. GE Program Implementation – *At-large Member Mike Dawson* 10 Min

Members are asked to discuss [a memo](#) from the Chair of the School of Natural Sciences Executive Committee to the chairs of Divisional Council, Undergraduate Council, and the General Education Subcommittee regarding the implementation of the new General Education program.

Requested Action: Determine next steps.

V. Committee Chairs’ Reports 10 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
- [Committee on Research](#) (CoR)– Chair David Noelle
- [Committees](#) (CoC) – Chair Tom Hansford
- [Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) – Chair Ignacio López-Calvo
- [Academic Planning & Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) – Senate Vice Chair, and CAPRA Member Kurt Schnier

VI. Accreditation Preparation – *WSCUC Steering Committee Chair, Nate Monroe, & ALO Laura Martin* 30 Min

At the accreditation team’s request, Divisional Council and the school executive committee chairs have been scheduled to meet with the team. To help members prepare for this meeting, WSCUC Steering Committee Chair Nate Monroe and ALO Martin will join DivCo and the school executive committee chairs. Discussion will focus on what to expect when meeting with the team, possible responses to the Lines of Inquiry, and identifying new information that the group may want to share with the team. To prepare for this discussion, members are asked to review [this document](#), and materials referenced therein.

VII. Informational Items

- 1/24/2018 – UC Board of Regents approves the Master of Management PDST.

