

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
 March 20, 2018
 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Call-in Information:

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| <p>I. Chair’s Report & Announcements – <i>Chair Amussen</i>
 A. Senate/UCOP Leadership Budget Call (3/16)</p> | <p>5 Min</p> |
| <p>II. Vice Chair’s Report – <i>Vice Chair Schnier</i>
 A. Chancellor’s Cabinet Meeting (3/13)</p> | <p>5 Min</p> |
| <p>III. Consent Calendar
 A. Approval of the Agenda</p> | <p>5 Min</p> |
| <p>IV. Campus Review Items</p> | <p>20 Min</p> |
- A. [CRE Recommended Voting Policies in Academic Personnel Cases](#) – *CRE Chair Tian*
 Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the [Recommended Voting Policies in Academic Personnel Cases](#). There are no lead committees for this review.
- Action Requested:** Transmit Divisional Council’s comments to CRE.
- Committee Comments:**
- [FWAF](#) felt that the CRE revisions failed to adequately address the objections raised last year by FWAF with respect to “at or above rank of application” (AARA) voting.
 - [GC](#) endorsed the guide.
 - [UGC](#) raised several concerns addressing “at or above rank of application” (AARA) voting and the reinforcement of inequities across the campus.
 - [L\(P\)SOE Working Group](#) recommended rejection of the passages concerning L(P)SOE faculty’s unequal voting rights.
- Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:** CAP, CAPRA, CoR, D&E, and NSEC.
- B. [Proposed Carry Forward Policy](#) – *CAPRA Chair Singhal*
 Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the proposed [Carry Forward Policy](#). CAPRA, CoR, and FWAF are the lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: Transmit Divisional Council’s comments to the Co-chairs of the Budget Work Group, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Mendez and Senate Vice Chair Schnier.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) offered several recommendations to promote equity across the schools and to clarify the policy.
- [CoR](#) views the policy favorably, but requested clarification on the application of carry forward policy to situations in which departments/units retain a portion of the incidental funds allocated to faculty.
- [D&E](#) supports the policy, but requested clarification regarding the relevance of the statement “All other funds considered for carry forward cannot exceed 5% of the current fiscal year non-salary allocation provided.”
- [FWAF](#) approves the policy, but had two questions, one addressing the possibility of petitions to exceed the \$9,000 limit and the second regarding the implications for faculty of the 5% limit on carry over for all other funds.
- [GC](#) did not raise any objections to the policy.
- [SoE Executive Committee](#) expressed no concerns about the policy.
- [SSHA Executive Committee](#) had no objection to its implementation.

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

- V. Proposed Campus Policy on Classroom Recordings - FWAF Chair Malloy** **10 Min**
FWAF has [drafted a policy](#) on student recording of classroom lecturers and presentations. The draft is adopted from a policy that is being implemented at UCSB.

Action Requested: Endorse the draft policy for transmittal to Chief Campus Counsel Elisabeth Gunther and Associate Chancellor Luanna Putney.

- VI. Academic Freedom - FWAF Chair Malloy** **10 Min**
FWAF [has drafted a statement](#) affirming the institution’s support for faculty freedom of expression and the systems that govern such freedoms. The statement is intended for use by the administration in instances where faculty are subject to politically motivated questions about their work.

Action Requested: Endorse the draft policy for transmittal to Provost/EVC Peterson, VPF Camfield, Associate Chancellor Luanna Putney, and Chief External Relations Officer Ed Klotzbier.

- VII. Consultation Guide – Chair Amussen** **5 Min**
Members are asked to discuss the draft [Overview of Consultation](#). The document is intended to clarify the meaning of the term consultation in the context of Senate business. Once approved, this document will be published on the [consultation page](#) of Senate’s website, where it will provide context for the existing Guidelines for Administrative Consultation with the Faculty.

Action Requested: Endorse and determine next steps.

VIII. Informational Item: DACA Forum – FWF Chair Malloy, GC Chair Ghezzehei, & UGC Chair Zanzucchi 10 Min

Members will be briefed on forum hosted by the Chairs of FWF, GC, and UGC on Friday, March 16 for students, faculty, and staff to discuss DACA. Held in response to the Chancellor's recent campus message about protecting our students, the forum was intended to inform current work by Faculty Welfare on academic freedom as well as to consider potential Senate actions at other campuses, e.g. UC Santa Cruz's Senate resolutions on DACA in May 2017.

IX. Committee Chairs' Reports**20 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) – Chair Mukesh Singhal

X. Informational Items

- 3/2/2018 - [Academic Council's endorsement](#) of a plan proposed by UCFW for closing the UC faculty salary gap was transmitted to President Napolitano.
- 3/5/2018 – [Academic Council endorsement](#) of a proposal, endorsed by UCFW-TFIR, to allow exchange-traded funds (ETFs) to be placed on the Fidelity Brokerage window for UCRP participants with defined contribution plans was transmitted to the UC Chief Investment Officer.
- 3/9/2018 – [Academic Council's response](#) to the Huron Report was transmitted to President Napolitano.
- 3/12/2018 – The University of California's [fiscal year 2019 federal funding priorities](#) were provided to the California congressional delegation.
- 3/12/2018 – Academic Council transmitted [its proposal for a reorientation of UCOP](#) to President Napolitano.