

**DIVISIONAL COUNCIL**  
**April 24, 2018**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**KL 360**

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Chair’s Report &amp; Announcements – <i>Chair Amussen</i></b>   | <b>5 Min</b>  |
|             | A. Assembly of the Academic Senate (4/11)  |               |
|             | B. Lunch with Senate Vice Chair Robert May (4/16)  |               |
|             | C. Senate/UCOP Leadership Budget Call (4/20)   |               |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Consent Calendar</b>  | <b>5 Min</b>  |
|             | A. The Agenda  |               |
|             | B. <a href="#">Minutes</a> of the March 6, 2018 DivCo meeting.   |               |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Campus Review Items</b>   | <b>25 Min</b> |
|             | A. <a href="#">Political Science Honors Proposal</a> – <i>UGC Chair Zanzucchi</i>  |               |
|             | At its April 9, 2018 meeting, UGC voted to approve the <a href="#">revised Proposal for a Political Science Honors Program</a> . UGC’s recommendation followed receipt of a revised proposal packet addressing conflicting statements from the dean and the program regarding the resource neutrality of the program. The resolution is described in <a href="#">UGC’s approval memo</a> . Members are asked to consider committee comments on the proposal. |               |

**Actions Requested:** 1) Vote to endorse the proposal effective fall 2018. 3) Transmit Divisional Council’s endorsement to the administration for implementation.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CAPRA](#) endorses the proposal, but notes the discrepancy in the dean and program’s analysis of resource implications and concludes that the addition of an honors course will have minimal impact on existing curriculum.
- [CoR](#) endorses the proposal, with the stipulation that the discrepancy between the dean and the program’s assessment of resource implications is resolved, and the role of the instructor in 194H is clarified.
- [GC](#) endorses the proposal, while commenting on several items including the desire to have a centralized organization to standardize what it means to be an “Honors student.”
- [UGC](#) endorses the proposal noting it is thoughtful and well developed and will help address one of the recommendations that resulted from the Spring 2017 program’s periodic review.

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

B. [Interim Policy on Expressive Activities and Assembly: Protests, Demonstrations, Non-University Speakers and Posting on Campus and in University Facilities](#) – *FWAF Chair Malloy*

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the campus's interim [Policy on Expressive Activities and Assembly: Protests, Demonstrations, Non-University Speakers and Posting on Campus and in University Facilities](#). FWAF is the lead committee for this review.

**Action Requested:** Transmit Senate comments to Associate Chancellor Putney by April 30, 2018.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CAPRA](#) recommends the policy identify who is responsible for assisting students in estimating security costs for events, and articulate the process by which student event proposals are evaluated.
- [FWAF](#) generally evaluates the policy favorably, but raises a number of issues for consideration.
- [UGC](#) offers several recommendations for consideration.

**Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine:** CAP, CoR, CRE, D&E, and GC.

C. [Proposal for Academic Reorganization](#) – *Vice Chair Schnier*

Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the *Proposal for Academic Reorganization* by the Academic Reorganization Working Group (ARWG). There are no lead committees for this review.

**Action Requested:** Transmit Senate comments to the co-chairs of the ARWG.

**Committee Comments:**

- [CAPRA](#) concludes the report is well thought out and offers a number of comments for consideration.
- [CoR](#) endorses the plan, but expresses concern about the sufficiency of staff support and resources at the time the plan is implemented, and notes that chair compensation must be sufficient to attract faculty with large research programs.
- [D&E](#) recommends adding to other duties of the chair expectations for developing a diversity plan.
- [FWAF](#) appreciates the crucial role of this document in departmentalization and identifies issues to be addressed with respect to chair compensation, governance and transparency, mentorship, and the graduate chair role.
- [GC](#) offers comments on the potential impact of compensation on graduate program growth, the willingness of faculty to become department chairs, and faculty engagement in the duties currently undertaken by FAOs and undergraduate chairs.
- [UGC](#) commends the committee for its thoughtful proposal, and offers a number of recommendations.
- [NSEC](#) reports the proposal met with very positive reviews, and raised a few points for clarification.
- [SoE Executive Committee](#) unanimously endorses the proposal and offers a few comments for consideration.
- [SSHA Executive Committee](#) notes the aspirational staffing ratios are too modest, and requests that the document address compensation for the Coordinator of Foreign Languages.

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

**IV. [Proposal for a Non-Degree Program – GC Chair Ghezzehei](#) 10 Min**

On April 19, 2018, [Graduate Council approved](#) a proposal for a non-degree program, the [Teacher Preparation Program, Multiple Subject Credential and Single Subject Credential](#) (pp. 2-80), to be offered by UC Merced Extension. The program’s curriculum consists of courses that were approved by GC in spring 2017. This is the first non-degree program offered by UC Merced Extension and UC Merced. In making its recommendation, GC found the proposal well-developed and clearly presented, and the need for the program convincingly argued. As per [policy](#), Divisional Council is asked to consider the proposal for endorsement.

**Action Requested:** Transmit Divisional Council’s endorsement to UC Merced Extension for implementation.

**V. [Endowed Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies – Vice Chair Schnier](#) 5 Min**

Members are asked to discuss [comments from the SSHA Executive Committee](#) and [the School of Engineering Executive Committee](#) on the proposed Endowed Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts. The [dean’s cover memo](#) provides context for the proposal and [the gift agreement](#) outlines the details. In keeping with [Division procedure](#), members are asked to make a recommendation on the proposal.

**Action Requested:** Transmit Divisional Council’s endorsement and/or recommendations to the Dean of SSHA.

**VI. [Central Valley Representation on UC Board of Regents – UGC Chair Zanzucchi](#) 5 Min**

The ASCUM Director of Academic Affairs [has requested](#) a statement of support from the Senate for a governor-appointed Regent from the Central Valley. Relatedly, ASUCM has passed [a resolution](#) regarding its intent to advocate with the Governor for such an appointment.

**Action Requested:** Issue a statement of support for a governor-appointed Regent from the Central Valley.

**VII. [Spark Seminar CRF – UGC Chair Zanzucchi](#) 5 Min**

On April 14, 2018, UGC approved the CRF for a four-unit Spark seminar, with the stipulation that an expiration date (in spring 2019) for the CRF be identified at UGC’s May 14 meeting. UGC is seeking members’ input on an appropriate expiration date.

**VIII. [Senate Office Space – Chair Amussen](#) 5 Min**

Members are asked to discuss [the proposed memo](#) to the administration regarding the relocation of the Senate Office. (A clean copy is [here](#).) At its April 10 meeting, DivCo agreed that the memo would call out the lack of consultation regarding planning for the Office’s relocation, and request consultation as plans are developed for the Office’s subsequent move.

**Requested Action:** Determine next steps.

**IX. DivCo Conflict of Interest Policy - *Chair Amussen*****5 Min**

The draft conflict of interest policy for Divisional Council has been revised in keeping with discussion at the April 10, 2018 meeting. Bullet 7 has been edited to clarify that a member who has commented on a proposal as a member of another Senate committee is not in conflict when making a recommendation as a member of DivCo. The second sentence of the second paragraph has been deleted. [Track change](#) and [clean versions](#) are provided.

**Action Requested:** Endorse the policy for implementation.

**X. Committee Chairs' Reports****10 Min**

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

**XI. Informational Items**

- **4/11/2018** - [UC Transfer MOU](#) with Community Colleges was announced.