

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

April 24, 2018

Pursuant to call, the Divisional Council met at 10:30 a.m. on April 24, 2018 in Room 360 of the Kolligian Library, Senate Chair Susan Amussen presiding.

Present: Wei-Chun Chin, Mike Dawson, Teamrat Ghezzehei, Tom Hansford, Ignacio López-Calvo, Patti LiWang, David Noelle, Mukesh Singhal, Kurt Schnier, and Anne Zanzucchi. Sean Malloy and Lin Tian attended by phone.

I. Chair's Report & Announcements**A. Assembly of the Academic Senate (4/11)**

The Chair reported that the Assembly discussed the transfer guarantee and the proposal to close the faculty salary gap sent to President Napolitano. The goal is to have the scales more closely align to the market and thereby reduce the frequency of offscale pay. Assembly elected Kum-Kum Bhavnani, an experienced Division chair from UC Santa Barbara, as the incoming Vice Chair of the systemwide Senate.

B. Lunch with Senate Vice Chair Robert May (4/16)

The Chair reported that the faculty salary gap was discussed.

C. Senate/UCOP Leadership Budget Call (4/20)

The Chair reported that the May state budget revise was discussed. It appears that the UC will finally receive the \$50 million withheld by the state pending completion of several items related to the Budget Framework Initiative. The UC does not yet have a budget for next year. Prior to voting, the Regents are waiting to see if the state will buy out the proposed tuition increase. The Regents are expected to vote on a budget in July.

II. Consent Calendar

The consent calendar, including the agenda and minutes of the March 6, 2018 DivCo meeting, was approved as presented.

III. Campus Review Items**A. [Political Science Honors Proposal](#)**

Discussion of the [Proposal for a Political Science Honors Program](#) focused principally on whether differences in the dean's and program's descriptions of instructional credit for honors courses has been resolved fully. The proposal materials did not include any evidence that the program had agreed with the Dean's clarification on this point. Members postponed further consideration of the proposal pending confirmation from both the program and the Dean that a solution had been reached.

ACTION: The Senate Chair will send a memo to the Political Science faculty and the Dean requesting confirmation that the discrepancy in the description of instructional credit for honors courses has been resolved.

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

Members discussed 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](#). The FWAF chair noted that the policy was a good example of proactive cooperation between the Senate and administration; the latter worked with FWAF on the policy iteratively over the fall semester. FWAF felt the policy addresses well two fundamental tensions: protecting the community and ensuring freedom of expression. Members agreed that UGC, CAPRA, and FWAF's comments should be transmitted to the administration with the recommendation they be addressed, UGC's while implementing the policy. Members also recommended that the administration be encouraged to reconsider the posting section of the policy, which seems overly restrictive.

ACTION: The Chair will transmit the Senate's comments to Associate Chancellor Putney by April 30, 2018. The cover letter will recommend reconsideration of the posting section of the policy.

C. [Proposal for Academic Reorganization](#)

Members agreed to forward to the administration committee comments on the *Proposal for Academic Reorganization* by the Academic Reorganization Working Group (ARWG). Comments will be accompanied by a summary of the concerns raised, which focused on the compensation model, sufficient staffing, timeline for the transition, and issues of compensation equity.

ACTION: The Senate Chair will draft a cover letter for DivCo's comment prior to its transmittal to the co-chairs of the ARWG.

IV. [Proposal for a Non-Degree Program](#)

Members unanimously endorsed the proposal for the first non-degree program proposed by UC Merced Extension, the *Teacher Preparation Program, Multiple Subject Credential and Single Subject Credential*. The proposal was approved by Graduate Council on April 19, 2018.

ACTION: The Senate Chair will transmit the Senate's approval to UC Merced Extension for implementation.

V. [Endowed Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies](#)

Members discussed [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. Members unanimously endorsed forwarding the recommendations from the SSHA Executive Committee to the SSHA Dean.

ACTION: The Senate Chair will transmit the SSHA Executive Committee's recommendations to the Dean.

VI. [Central Valley Representation on UC Board of Regents](#)

In response to a request from the ASCUM Director of Academic Affairs, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to issue a statement of support for a governor-appointed Regent from the Central Valley. Currently, the Central Valley lacks a representative on the UC Board of Regents.

ACTION: The Senate Chair will develop and issue a statement of support for a governor-appointed Regent from the Central Valley.

VII. **Spark Seminar CRF**

UGC Chair Zanzucchi requested members' advice regarding UGC's consideration of the Spark seminar CRF. On April 14, 2018, UGC approved the CRF for a four-unit Spark seminar, with the stipulation that an

expiration date for the CRF be identified at UGC's May 14 meeting. UGC is concerned about the availability of the resources to support the seminars. An expiration date would require that the CRF be revisited. Members expressed concern about the precedent this would set, including opening the door to handling other CRFs similarly. If an underlying concern is the number of units associated with the course, that can be addressed by submitting a revised CRF. Members noted that reconsideration of a CRF, including concerns about sufficiency of resources, are best handled through standard processes, including the normal process of program assessment.

VIII. Senate Office Space

With respect to [the proposed memo](#) to the administration regarding the relocation of the Senate Office, members agreed that references to the exact description of the space would be removed, leaving the focus on the importance of consultation, including as plans are developed for the Office's subsequent move. It was also agreed the memo would be addressed exclusively to the Director of Space Planning and Analysis.

ACTION: The Chair will circulate a revised draft for member approval.

IX. DivCo Conflict of Interest Policy

A motion, was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt the revised Divisional Council conflict of interest policy.

ACTION: The Senate Chair will post the policy on the Senate website.

X. Committee Chairs' Reports

Committee Chairs' reports will be circulated by email.

XI. Informational Items

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

Attest: Susan Amussen, Senate Chair