

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

February 4, 2019

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

KL 362

Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092287954>

Zoom Phone: 1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 209 228 7954

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

- I. Chair's Report & Announcements – *Chair Schnier*** **5 Min**
 A. Academic Council (1/23)
 B. Meeting with Chancellor and EVC/Provost (1/24)
 C. Meeting with EVC/Provost (1/30)
- II. Consent Calendar** **5 Min**
 A. The Agenda
 B. Minutes of the [8/28/2018](#), [9/11/2018](#), [10/9/2018](#), and [10/23/2018](#) DivCo meetings.
- III. Revisions to LASC Membership - *Vice Chair Kelley*** **10 Min**
 Members are asked to discuss [LASC's response](#) to DivCo's input on proposed revisions to LASC's membership. DivCo's October 29, 2018 memo on this topic is [here](#).
- Action Requested:** Determine next steps.
- IV. [Draft Policy for the Establishment of New Schools or Colleges](#) – *Chair Schnier*** **15 Min**
 Members are asked to finalize the Senate's response to the administration regarding the draft [Policy for the Establishment of New Schools or Colleges](#). Several issues raised by committees require additional discussion, including the school-wide vote and the Senate's role in consultation on the development of the pre-proposal.
- Action Requested:** Finalize Senate recommendations to the administration.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) offered a number of points for consideration.
- [COR](#) suggested proposals include evidence of budgetary reasonableness, and offered recommendations regarding the vote template.
- [CRE](#) offered a number of comments and recommendations for consideration.
- [D&E](#) raised questions about several aspects of the draft policy.
- [GC](#) recommended several revisions and offered comments on the requirement for school-wide faculty votes.
- [UGC](#) raised questions about addressing feedback on proposals, and mechanisms to stop or withdraw a proposal.
- [SoE Executive Committee](#) unanimously endorsed the draft policy.
- [SSHA Executive Committee](#) raised several questions about the draft policy.

- V. DivCo Participation: School Executive Committee Chairs – Vice Chair Kelley** **15 Min**
Members are asked to discuss [the response from the School Executive Committee Chairs](#) to the [Senate Chair's request](#) for principles to guide decision making about school executive committee chairs' participation in Divisional Council meetings.
- Action Requested:** Determine next steps.
- VI. Work Group on Non-Senate Faculty Involvement in Governance – Chair Schnier** **15 Min**
Members are asked to consider a charge for a Senate-administration work group to develop best practices and principles for advancing non-Senate faculty involvement in governance both at the departmental level and on Senate committees. This request stems from discussion with Interim Provost Camfield in response to DivCo's action item from its October 23 meeting: *The chair will recommend to the administration the formation of a small work group to discuss best practices for advancing non-Senate faculty involvement in governance at the departmental level, and to consider what principles might guide consideration of their involvement in Senate committees.*
- Action Requested:** Develop recommendations for a charge.
- VII. SMART Goals: Next Generation of UC Merced Faculty & Researchers – Chair Schnier** **10 Min**
[The EVC/Provost has invited](#) the Senate to propose by February 7 institutional-level, SMART initiatives for developing the next generation of faculty and researchers at UC Merced. Members are invited to discuss proposals emerging from their committees or propose ideas to be put forward by the Senate.
- Action Requested:** Propose ideas to be put forward by the Senate.
- VIII. Discussion Item: Chairs' Reports** **5 Min**
Committee chairs' reports were circulated to members by email on Friday, February 1. Members are invited to follow-up on any reported items.
- IX. Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield** **10 Min**
- X. Informational Items**
- 1/30 – Chair Schnier received from D&E its [revised call for nominations for the new Contributions to Diversity Award](#).
 - 1/29 – Academic Senate transmitted to the Vice President of Human Resources [a request from UCFW and its Task Force on Investment and Retirement \(TFIR\)](#) for the University to add Roth 403(b) and 457(b) plans as investment options for the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan in the UC Retirement Savings.
 - 1/28 – [Academic Senate comments](#) on the proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-46 (Use of Vehicles and Driver Selection) were transmitted to Vice Provost Susan Carlson.
 - 1/24 – AVC of Financial Planning & Analysis, Romi Kaur, provided to CAPRA [a preliminary review](#) of the fiscal year 2020 budget. The AVC is willing to meet with committees to provide additional explanation, if desired. Please note the budget numbers are preliminary.