

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

March 18, 2019

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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Item

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| I. | Chair’s Report & Announcements – Chair Schnier | 5 Min |
| | A. Meeting EVC/Provost Camfield (3/13) | |
| | B. Meeting with Chancellor and EVC/Provost Camfield (3/7) | |
| II. | Consent Calendar | 5 Min |
| | A. The Agenda | |
| III. | Presentation on Student Basic Needs | 20 Min |
| | Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students, Jonathan Grady, and the campus’s Basic Needs Coordinator, Bavneet Kaur, will provide an overview of campus’s efforts to meet the basic needs of UC Merced students. | |
| IV. | Consultation with Chancellor Leland | 20 Min |
| | Topics of discussion include post-2020 planning, and support for achieving R1 status. | |
| V. | Campus Review Items | 15 Min |
| | A. Office of Space Planning’s Role in the Faculty Hiring Process – CAPRA Chair Trounstine
Members are asked to discuss committee comments on the proposed process outlined in the document titled The Office of Space Planning’s Role in the Faculty Hiring Process . There were no lead committees for this review. | |

Action Requested: Transmit Division comments to the EVC/Provost.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) commented on each of the six numbered points in the proposed process.
- [CoR](#) offered several comments on the Space Planning Office’s role in the hiring process.
- [CRE](#) raised questions related to the agility of the Space Planning Office in the hiring process, and implications for job candidates.
- [FWAF](#) believes the search chair, rather than Space Planning Office, should be in contact with candidates; concerns were also expressed about the introduction of delays which could disadvantage the campus in competing for candidates.
- [GC](#) opposes the proposal in its current form, raising several concerns.
- School of Engineering Executive Committee - to be provided

Committees that declined to comment, but appreciated the opportunity to opine: CAP, D&E, UGC

- B. [Space Allocation and Assignment: Definitions, Process and Standards](#) – CoR Chair Scheibner
 Members are asked to discuss [committee comments](#) on the draft [Space Allocation and Assignment: Definitions, Process and Standards](#) document. There were no lead committees for this review.

Action Requested: Transmit Division comments to the EVC/Provost.

Committee Comments:

- [CAPRA](#) recommended revisions to address the lack of departmental budgets to support space renovations.
- [CoR](#) offered a number of comments on the document.
- [CRE](#) identified considerations for academic space use that are not addressed by the document.
- [FWAF](#) supports the document.
- [GC](#) recommends “available space” be explicitly described, together with criteria to guide the allotment and assignment of space.
- School of Engineering Executive Committee - to be provided

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- VI. Electronic Systems – SSHA School Executive Committee Chair Amussen** **10 Min**
 Chair Amussen will join DivCo to discuss the issue of the impact of the proliferation of software applications in the absence of sufficient staff support.

Requested Action: Determine next steps.

- VII. Discussion Item: Chairs’ Reports** **5 Min**
 Committee chairs’ reports were circulated to members by email on Monday, September 10. Members are invited to follow-up on any reported items.

- VIII. Consultation with Interim Provost Camfield** **10 Min**

IX. Informational Items

- 3/4 – Senate Chair May transmitted to President Napolitano [memos from UCORP and UCFW](#) urging the university to take a strong stand on the politicization of research funding and science.
- 3/5 - Senate Chair May transmitted to Vice Provost Carlson [a policy recommendation from UCAP](#) regarding the death of a faculty member with a pending promotion.