

## DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

## Agenda

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

9:00-10:30AM

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| <b>I.</b>   | <b>Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield</b>   | <b>10min</b> |
| <b>II.</b>  | <b>Consultation with VPDGE Zatz</b><br>A. Sponsored Projects Office Organization<br>B. Research Concerns  | <b>10min</b> |
| <b>III.</b> | <b>Consent Calendar</b><br>A. The Agenda<br>B. <a href="#">April 27 Meeting Minutes</a>   | <b>5min</b>  |
| <b>IV.</b>  | <b>Chair's Announcements – Tom Hansford</b><br>A. Academic Council, April 29, 2020  | <b>5min</b>  |
| <b>V.</b>   | <b>Update on Remote Instruction – UGC Chair Sharping and GC Chair Westerling</b>  | <b>15min</b> |
| <b>VI.</b>  | <b><a href="#">FWAF Proposal for a Co-Working Space for Faculty Partners</a> -FWAF Chair Frank</b><br>On April 27, 2020 FWAF surveyed the Senate faculty to gauge initial interest for UC Merced to create co-working space for faculty partners. The survey was sent to 309 Senate faculty members. 65 members (21%) responded, representing a 21% response rate.<br><br><b>Requested Action:</b> Discuss FWAF's proposal and agree on next steps.   | <b>10min</b> |
| <b>VII.</b> | <b>Campus Review Items</b><br>A. <a href="#">RRR Week Policy</a> – UGC Chair Jay Sharping<br>The policy was discussed by DivCo in March and subsequently distributed to <a href="#">Senate and School Executive Committees</a> , <a href="#">the Registrar</a> , <a href="#">the VCSA</a> and <a href="#">the Interim VPDUE</a> on March 30.<br><br>CAPRA declined to comment on the policy but <a href="#">recommends advising departments</a> about potential resource implications, if the policy is adopted. The SNS Executive Committee and SNS departmental representatives <a href="#">offer some comments and concerns</a> . The SNS EC invites DivCo to consider whether the proposal should be put for a Senate faculty vote.<br><br>D&E, FWAF, and the Registrar <a href="#">endorse</a> the proposal. | <b>10min</b> |

The following committees and Administrative leads declined to comment: CAP, CoR, GC, VPDUE, and VCSA.

**Requested Action:** Members discuss and determine next steps.

- B. [Medical School Advisory Committee Draft Charge](#) – DivCo Chair Hansford **5min**  
Director of Medical Education Thelma Hurd invites comments from the Senate on the proposed charge for a Medical Advisory Committee.

**Requested Action:** Members review the proposed charge. Transmit DivCo’s comments to Director Hurd by May 22, 2020.

**VIII. Systemwide Review Item** **5min**

- A. [Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research](#) – CoR Chair Michael Scheibner  
This policy revises the current Protection of Human Subjects in Research policy, last updated in 1981, and describes the responsibilities of the University, its campuses and researchers, in protecting the rights and welfare of human subjects.

Lead reviewers: CoR, GC, and the School Executive Committees. Comments are available [here](#). GC declined to comment.

**Requested Action:** Transmit DivCo’s comments to Systemwide Senate Chair Bhavnani by May 20, 2020.

**IX. Discussion Item: Chairs’ Reports** **5min**

Committee chairs’ reports will be circulated to members by email. Members are invited to follow-up on any reported items.

**X. Informational Items** **5min**

- Academic Council [endorsement](#) of a joint recommendation from UCOPE and UCEP to temporarily modify the passing requirement in Senate Regulation 636.C to allow a C- grade or above to satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) in spring 2020. (5/6/20)
- Academic Council’s [endorsement](#) of new UCEP letter providing guidance on whether to extend divisional flexibility for grading options to all summer sessions in 2020. (5/4/20)
- Academic Council [endorsement](#) of a letter from the chairs and vice chairs of CCGA, UCORP, and UCFW expressing concerns about new restrictions on immigration to the United States implemented by the current Presidential administration during the COVID-19 crisis (5/1/20)
- Academic Council [endorsement](#) of UCAP’s proposed guidelines for policy and communications on merit reviews, teaching evaluations, and tenure and promotion processes in light of the COVID-19 crisis. (5/1/20)
- [Educational Advisory Board Report](#) on Assessing and Responding to the Financial Impact of COVID-19 (4/22/20)

**XI. Other Business**

**5min**