

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:00am – 10:30am

Zoom URL: <https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092284369>
 or 1-669-900-6833 (Meeting ID: 209 228 4369)

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

I. Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield 15min

II. Chair’s Announcements – Tom Hansford 15min

- A. Meeting with EVC/Provost Camfield (March 9, 2020)
- B. Meeting with Interim Chancellor Brostrom and EVC/Provost Camfield (March 10, 2020)
- C. Deans’ Council (March 17, 2020)

III. Vice Chair’s Report – Robin DeLugan 5min

Vice Chair DeLugan will provide an update on the Senior Leadership Team Meeting.

IV. Consent Calendar 5min

- A. The Agenda
- B. [March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

V. Systemwide Review Items – UGC Chair Sharping 15min

- A. [Report of the Academic Council’s Standardized Testing Task Force](#) (STTF)
[Additional Statement](#)

In January 2019, at the request of President Napolitano, former Senate Chair May empaneled the STTF to examine the University’s current use of standardized testing for admissions and consider whether the University and its students are best served by UC’s current testing practices, a modification of current practices, another testing approach, or the elimination of testing.

Lead review committees: UGC, GC, D&E, and School Executive Committees.

UGC, D&E, and the SNS EC comments are available [here](#).

GC appreciated the opportunity to review the report and declined to comment.

Requested Action: Transmit DivCo’s comments to Systemwide Senate Chair Bhavnani by March 23, 2020.

- B. [BOARS Proposal to Eliminate ACT/SAT Essay Writing Test Requirement](#)

BOARS has engaged in a narrower review of the requirement for all applicants to the UC system to submit scores from the SAT Essay or ACT Writing Test and recommends that the UC eliminate this requirement as soon as is feasible. Useful context and background are provided in the memos hyperlinked above.

Lead review committees: UGC, GC, D&E, and School Executive Committees

UGC, D&E, the SNS and SSHA ECs comments are available [here](#).

GC appreciated the opportunity to review the report and declined to comment.

Requested Action: Transmit DivCo's comments to Systemwide Senate Chair Bhavnani by March 23, 2020.

VI. Campus Review Items

20min

A. [Amendments to UCM Senate Bylaw I.III.5-Divisional Representatives](#) – CRE Chair Viney

Members discuss CRE's proposal to amend UCM Senate Bylaw I.III.5. Background and rationale are provided in the hyperlinked memo above, from CRE.

Requested Actions:

- Members discuss proposed Bylaw amendments and endorse as presented, or revise as needed.
- DivCo invites Senate Committees and School Executive Committees to review the amendments.

The Bylaw amendments will be presented by Chair Viney at the May 7, 2020 Meeting of the Division.

B. [UGC's Proposal to Establish Admissions and Financial Aid as a Stand-Alone Senate Committee](#) – UGC Chair Sharping

Last semester, members of UGC unanimously endorsed the establishment of AFAS as a stand-alone Senate Committee (AFAC). The three Senate faculty who serve on AFAS are also members of UGC and had the opportunity to discuss and vote on the proposal.

Members of CRE discussed the proposal at their February 25 meeting and offer comments related to the term of service for the Chair of AFAC/BOARS representative (two years instead of one); and the Chair's compensation. Please refer to CRE's memo, [available here](#).

Draft Bylaws are available [here](#).

Requested Actions:

- Members discuss UGC's proposal to establish AFAS as AFAC and the proposed draft Bylaws for AFAC.
- Members agree on next steps.

C. UGC's Proposal for a Reading, Review, and Recitation (RRR) Week – UGC Chair Sharping

The policy is proposed in response to a request from the ASCUM. Background and context are provided in UGC's [August 29, 2019 memo](#). The proposed policy was discussed by UGC members in the Fall and most recently, in February. Members agreed on next steps for the review of the policy, which will be presented by Chair Sharping

The latest version of the policy is available [here](#).

Requested Actions:

- UGC Chair Sharping introduces the proposal and proposes next steps for review.
- Members agree on proposed next steps.

VII. 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.

VIII. Summer Session Faculty Compensation

10min

Chair Hansford recused himself. The materials will be distributed under separate cover.