

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE & ACADEMIC FREEDOM (FWAF)

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

3:30pm – 5:00pm

ADMIN 345

- I. Chair’s Report – Jayson Beaster-Jones [3:30 – 3:40pm]**
- A. [DivCo Updates](#) (November 30)
 - B. Spring 2024 Meeting Schedule
 - C. Update on December 11 Meeting with Administrative Leadership
[FWAF’s memo](#) was endorsed by the Senate Chair and the Vice-Chair and was transmitted to the Chancellor and the Interim EVC/P on December 6. Chair Beaster-Jones discussed the memo with Interim EVC/P and Senate leads on December 11.
- II. Consent Calendar [3:40 – 3:45pm]**
- A. Today’s agenda
 - B. [November 15 draft Meeting Minutes](#)
- Requested Action:** Approval of the Consent Calendar
- III. Systemwide Updates [3:45 – 4:00pm]**
- A. [UCFW Updates](#) (November 17 and December 8) – Jayson Beaster Jones and Kyle Dodson
 - B. [UCAF Updates](#) (November 30) – David Jennings
- IV. Consultation with Pranathi Dasari, Research Administrator [4:00-4:20pm]**
- Pranathi Dasari is a Research Administrator at UC Merced with experience in financial reporting in the Oracle financial system.
- V. [MCS Instructional Budget Memo – All](#) [4:20-4:35pm]**
- The Management of Complex Systems (MCS) Department sent a memo to Senate leadership regarding challenges with the implementation of the new instructional budget model. Both FWAF and CAPRA have been asked to review the memo and respond.
- On November 22 CAPRA issued a response, available [here](#).
- Requested Action:** FWAF to decide if the committee will formulate a response.
- VI. Systemwide Review Items [4:35 – 4:50pm]**
- A. [Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-46 Use of Vehicles & Driver Authorization](#)
The policy applies to the use of any UC vehicle (owned or leased) and any personal vehicle used in the course of UC business.

This policy was distributed for systemwide review in November 2018, but was not finalized. 2018-2019 Senate comments from that review are available [here](#) (UCM’s comments are on pp 7-14). Comments from that review have been incorporated into this proposed draft.

Key revisions:

- Change policy name from “Use of University Vehicles” to “Use of Vehicles and Driver Authorization”.
- Expanded policy summary and definitions.
- Inclusion of the CA Department of Motor Vehicles Negligent Operator Treatment System (NOTS) as a standard for eligibility to drive on behalf of the University.
- Implementation will apply to all drivers on University business – not solely employees.
- Establishment of Vehicle Collision Review Committees to review collisions, determine preventability, and promote driver safety awareness.
- Establishment of guidelines for drivers involved in preventable collisions including training, suspension, and potential revocation of driving privileges.

Requested Action: FWAF to decide whether to opine. If opining, assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer’s comments will be circulated via email by Monday, January 9 and will serve as the basis for FWAF’s official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair **by 5:00pm Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**

B. [Interim Report of the Academic Planning Council \(APC\) Working Group on the Future of Doctoral Education](#) at the University of California

The APC Working Group is a joint administration/Senate working group that was appointed in the summer of 2023 to advise the University community on the future of graduate education. It is co-chaired by UCSB Senate Division Chair Susannah Scott and UCI Dean of Graduate Studies Gillian Hayes.

Requested Action: FWAF to decide whether to opine. If opining, assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer’s comments will be circulated via email by Monday, January 15 and will serve as the basis for FWAF’s official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair **by Monday, January 22, 2024.**

C. [Proposed revisions to Academic Personnel Manual \(APM\) – Section 285, Lecturers with Security of Employment Series](#)

The policy includes the following key revisions:

- Revised name of “Lecturer with Security of Employment (LSOE) series and ranks to “Professors of Teaching”
- Removal of Appendix A

FWAF is a Lead Reviewer

Requested Action: FWAF to assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer's comments will be circulated via email by Friday, January 26 and will serve as the basis for FWAF's official response.

Comments are due to Senate Chair **by 5:00pm, Friday, February 2, 2024.**

VII. Other Business [4:50-5:00pm]