

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE & ACADEMIC FREEDOM (FWAF)

## AGENDA

Thursday, January 18, 2024

11:30am – 1:00pm

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- I. **Chair’s Report – Jayson Beaster-Jones [11:30am – 11:40am]**  
A. [DivCo Updates](#) (December 14)

- II. **Consent Calendar [11:40am – 11:40am]**  
A. Today’s agenda  
B. [December 13 draft Meeting Minutes](#)

**Requested Action:** Approval of the Consent Calendar

- III. **Systemwide Updates [11:40am – 11:55am]**  
A. [UCFW Updates](#) (January 12) – Jayson Beaster-Jones  
B. [UCAF Updates](#) (December 19) – David Jennings

- IV. **Consultation with VPAP Hansford [11:55am-12:10pm]**

- V. **Consultation with Vice Chancellor CFO Kurt Schnier and Interim EVC/P Marjorie Zatz [12:10pm-12:25pm]**

- VI. **SSHA Hiring – All [12:25pm-12:35pm]**  
At FWAF’s December 13 meeting, members discussed SSHA’s restructuring and its potential connection to staff hiring within the School. Chair Beaster-Jones noted that in a conversation with Interim EVC/P Zatz, she said she had approved of seven lines for SSHA already, however none of them have been hired yet.

- VII. **[MCS Instructional Budget Memo](#) – All [12:35pm-12:40pm]**  
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:** Members to approve response memo, available [here](#).

**VIII. Systemwide Review Items – Chair Beaster-Jones [12:40pm – 12:50pm]****A. [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:** Members to approve draft FWAF response.

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

**B. [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:** Members to approve [draft FWAF response](#).

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

**IX. Campus Wide Review Items – Chair Beaster-Jones [12:50pm-12:55pm]****A. [Proposal for the Establishment of a Department of Medical Education](#)**

The proposal begins on page 11 and is preceded by support letters from:

- Natural Science Executive Committee
- SNS Dean Dumont
- Department of Applied Mathematics
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Department of Life and Environmental Sciences
- Department of Molecular and Cell Biology
- Department of Physics

**Requested Action:** FWAF to decide whether to opine. If opining, 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 the Senate Chair **by Friday, February 2, 2024.**

**B. [Proposed Bylaws for the Division of Undergraduate Education Executive Committee](#)**

In September 2023, former VPDUE Sarah Frey submitted to the Academic Senate a proposal to consolidate the [General Education Executive Committee \(GEEC\)](#) and the [Honors Program Executive Committee](#) into a new Division of Undergraduate Education Executive Committee

(DUEEC). Falling under College One, the DUEEC would provide faculty governance for both the General Education and UC Merced Honors programs.

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) opined and endorsed the proposal, and recommended amending the current General Education Bylaws to reflect [the proposed governance structure](#).

The proposed Bylaws were included on the December 12, 2023 Meeting of the Merced Division of the Academic Senate agenda, where Interim VPDUE Utter, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education and Interim Chair of the GEEC Justin Hicks, and Honors Program Director Holley Moyes provided an overview to participants, along with the committee reorganization plan.

**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 29 and will serve as the basis for FWAF's official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair **by Monday, February 5, 2024**.

C. [Proposal for a Data Science and Policy Analysis Minor](#)

Undergraduate Council's Policy for the Review and Approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs is available [here](#). The policy for the review and approval of New Minors is available [here](#).

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

Comments are due to the Senate Chair **by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 16, 2024**.

X. **Other Business [12:55pm-1:00pm]**