

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE & ACADEMIC FREEDOM (FWAF)**AGENDA****Thursday, March 14, 2024****11:30am – 1:00pm****ADMIN 245****I. Consent Calendar [11:30am – 11:35am]**

- A. Today's agenda
- B. [February 15 draft Meeting Minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

II. Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) Survey – VPAP Hansford [11:35am-11:55pm]

VPAP Hansford will be presenting results from the COACHE Survey of faculty who left UC Merced over the past two academic years.

III. Discussion of Healthcare Issues – All [11:55am-12:30pm]

Guests: Sana Ramzan, Health Care Facilitator and Francesco Danzi, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

- A. FWAF members provided a list of questions for the Health Care Facilitator prior to the meeting, available [here](#).
- B. Discussion on Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Access
Vice-Chair Ma received an [email](#) from a colleague noting concerns with ECEC access.

IV. Systemwide Review Items – Vice-Chair Ma [12:30pm – 12:50pm]

- A. [Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation \(SR\) 424.A.3 Presented by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools \(BOARS\)](#)

The amendment introduces a new requirement for freshman admission to the University (Area H). The amendment to the SR is provided in red font on page 3.

Please refer to the attached memos from Academic Council Chair Steintrager and BOARS Chair Knowlton for background information about this item.

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

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

B. [Report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Work Group on Students with Disabilities](#)

As noted in the memo from VP Gullatt, this “report is the first-ever, comprehensive record of the experiences and outcomes of students with disabilities at UC”.

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, April 1 and will serve as the basis for FWAF’s official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **5:00 pm on Monday, April 8, 2024.**

C. [Proposed Academic Statement on UC Quality \(“Characteristics of Educational Quality at the University of California”\)](#)

This document was prepared by the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP).

Background information is available on the hyperlinked memos from Academic Council Chair Steintrager and UCEP Chair Cocco and the proposed statement is available on pp. 4-5.

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, April 5 and will serve as the basis for FWAF’s official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **5:00 pm on Friday, April 19, 2024.**

V. **Other Business [12:50pm-1:00pm]**