

COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE & ACADEMIC FREEDOM (FWAF)**AGENDA****Thursday, May 9, 2024****11:30am – 1:00pm****ADMIN 245****I. Chair’s Report – Jayson Beaster-Jones [11:30am – 11:40am]**

- A. [DivCo Updates](#) (April 29)
- B. [May 3 Meeting of the Division](#)

II. Consent Calendar [11:40am – 11:40am]

- A. Today’s agenda
- B. [April 18 draft Meeting Minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

III. Systemwide Updates [11:40am – 11:45am]

- A. [UCAF Updates](#) (April 22) – David Jennings

IV. Consultation with VPAP Hansford [11:45am – 12:00pm]**V. Consultation with AVPAP Song [12:00pm – 12:15pm]**

- A. Formal Faculty Misconduct Complaint Process

VI. [UC Merced Faculty Association \(UCMFA\)](#) – UCMFA Board Members Charlie Eaton, Maria-Elena Young, and Lindsay Crawford [12:15pm – 12:35pm]

UCMFA is an independent faculty advocacy group dedicated to representing and advocating for the interests of faculty members at UC Merced. They work towards fostering a supportive academic environment and addressing faculty concerns.

UCMFA compliments work done by UCM Academic Senate members such as FWAF. As a dues-sponsored organization, however, UCMFA is completely independent and can focus on non-academic issues such as economic and employment-related concerns before various state entities. UC Faculty associations, for example, were instrumental in enacting the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1979.

VII. Grant Proposal Submissions – Eva De Alba [12:35pm-12:45pm]

The [Sponsored Projects Office \(SPO\)](#) is the authorized office to submit faculty proposals to sponsors. At times, SPO will suggest or request changes on grant proposals that can delay the

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proposal's submission. As the writing and submission of grant proposals is a way to express Academic Freedom, and the results from these grant applications can affect merits and promotions, it is essential that proposal submissions move forward in a timely manner.

Requested Action: Members to discuss the possibility of establishing regulations on the capabilities of SPO and determine the next steps.

- VIII. Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) Access – Vice-Chair Ma [12:45pm-12:55pm]**
Vice-Chair Ma received an [email](#) from a colleague noting the limited availability of the ECEC and the inadequate childcare access in Merced in general.

Requested Action: Members to discuss and determine the next steps.

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