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Division News

From the Senate Chair: As we enter the final weeks of the academic year, I hope you find yourself fortified by an enjoyable spring break! Senate committees will need that energy to address the final set of review items before the Senate this semester. These include proposals for new academic units, new programs, and new policies. The Senate has also circulated for comment a proposal from the [Academic Reorganization Working Group](#) to academically restructure the schools. Unit and graduate group chairs are encouraged to reach out to their school executive committees for more information.

On April 16 from 3:00- 4:30 p.m. in KL 232 the Senate will host the annual Spring Meeting of the Division. The Chancellor and Provost/ Executive Vice Chancellor Peterson will be in attendance together with the Chair and Vice Chair of the systemwide Academic Senate, respectively, Shane White and Robert May. At this meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Merced Division for 2018-19 will be announced, and the Senate's Distinguished Faculty and Lecturer Awards will be presented. A vote will also be taken on proposed revisions to the Honors section of the Division Regulations. The meeting is followed immediately by a reception. We hope you will attend!

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Senate's recent election from those who ran to those who voted. With 64% of ballots returned, we had a strong voter turnout. In case you missed CRE's announcement, the following individuals were elected to two year terms on the Committee on Committees: Professor Mike Dawson (SNS), Professor Jeff Gilger (SSHA), Professor Linda Hirst (SNS), and Professor Arnold Kim (SNS). Professor Patti LiWang (SNS) and Associate Professor Yanbao Ma (SoE) were elected to two and one year terms, respectively, as At-large members of Divisional Council.

Best wishes for a productive April and, as always, please feel free to contact me at Senatechair@ucmerced.edu with suggestions and questions. - Susan Amussen

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – April 10, 24
CAP – April 6, 13, 20, 27
CAPRA – April 5, 19
COC – April 6
COR – April 3, 17
CRE – April 24
FWAF – April 19
D&E – April 25
GC – April 5, 19
UGC – April 9, 23
AFAS – April 30
GESC – Convenes every Monday

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Questions, concerns, or issues you would like to see addressed? Contact Senate Chair Amussen at senatechair@ucmerced.edu



Committee Highlights

[The Committee on Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) has been conducting business as usual.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) has reviewed the AY 18-19 faculty FTE requests from the School Executive Committees and Deans, and submitted its recommendations to the Provost/EVC.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) is drafting a policy on classroom recordings, which will be transmitted to the administration for review.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) is reviewing the proposals for the Senate faculty grants program. Awardees will be notified in early April.

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) is revising its policies for approving new courses and for appointing graduate students as instructors of record for upper division undergraduate courses. GC is also developing the AY 2018-19 calendar for academic programs and courses.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) announced the results of AY 2018-19 Senate elections on March 14, and approved revisions to the Honors section of the Division Regulations. CRE continues to work on its guidelines for voting on AP cases.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) is revising the process by which Faculty Equity Advisors (FEA) are nominated, and requested feedback from PROC on its proposed plan for addressing diversity in program review.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) (LASC) welcomed a new graduate student representative and continues to engage with the Library on 2020 planning.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) is currently reviewing over 60 CRFs and considering catalog revisions. UGC has also commented on the CRE's proposed guidelines for voting on AP cases, two proposals for new graduate programs, and the interim policy for expressive activities and assembly.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) has recommended that all Senate committees develop [conflict of interest policies](#), and commented on the Carry Forward Policy drafted by the Budget Working Group.