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Division News

From the Senate Chair: As we enter the final weeks of AY 18-19, I write with announcements, updates, and invitations to participate in upcoming Senate events.

First, some wonderful news: UC Merced's Sean Malloy, an Associate Professor of History and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, is the recipient of the systemwide Senate's inaugural 2019 Academic Council Chair's Award for Mid-Career Leadership. The award recognizes a mid-career faculty member who has served the Academic Senate at the Division and Systemwide levels and demonstrated outstanding and creative contributions that have had a major impact on faculty governance, exceptional promise in serving the Academic Senate, and exceptional abilities in working across the university's many and diverse stakeholders. Congratulations to Sean!

I would also like to thank EVC/Provost Camfield for his ongoing support of effective, shared governance. In particular, Provost Camfield recently provided the resources so that, beginning with the coming year, the Senate Chair position will come with a full year's course release and the Vice Chair with a half-year's release. This is an important development in the campus's commitment to Senate-administration collaboration in support of Merced's mission.

A proposal from the Academic Planning Work Group (APWG) has been distributed to Senate committees for review and comment. This includes school executive committees. The Senate and APWG look forward to the faculty's feedback.

Finally, I invite you to attend the spring Meeting of the Division to take place Monday, April 15, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in KL 232. A reception will follow immediately after. At this meeting, the proposed [Memorial to the Regents on fossil fuel divestment](#) will be discussed in preparation for a Division vote, next year's Senate Chair and Vice Chair and the recipients of the Senate's awards will be announced, and the Division will vote on proposed revisions to Part IV. Section II: Master's Degree Requirements of the [Merced Division Regulations](#). I hope to see you there.

In closing, I wish you a productive conclusion to your spring semesters. - Kurt Schnier

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – April 1, 15, 29

CAP – April 5, 12, 19, 26

CAPRA – April 4, 18

COR – April 3, 17

CRE – April 30

COC - pending

D&E – TBD

FWAF – April 24

GC – April 8, 18

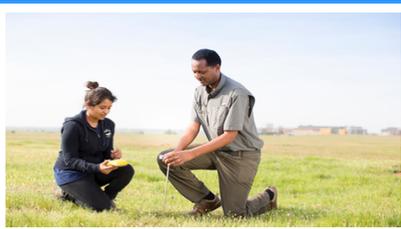
LASC – April 24

UGC – April 3, 17

AFAS – TBD

CONTACT THE CHAIR

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



Committee Highlights

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

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) recently heard updates from the administration on a potential general obligation bond for next primary election ballot, and continues its regular consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield on academic planning.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) is currently reviewing the following items via email: [proposed revisions](#) to Senate Regulation 636.E, a draft policy for the establishment and review of Organized Research Units, and a proposed salary recovery policy.

[The Committee on Research](#) recently received updates from the campus biosafety officer with regard to compliance in high risk areas. The committee continues to discuss ways to potentially transform the Senate faculty grants program into an incentive-based program.

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) is considering a proposal to establish a distance education version of UC Merced Extension's existing [Teacher Preparation Program](#).

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) will be moving forward with the Senate elections, having received from the Committee on Committees (CoC) additional nominees for open positions on CoC and for At-large members of DivCo. The election will take place on April 16. Ballots will be issued on April 9.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) met with Provost Camfield on March 19 and discussed alterations to the merit promotion system, diversity in faculty hiring, and faculty retention.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) is drafting revisions to its bylaw in keeping with proposed changes to its membership model.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) is reviewing the proposal for a B.S. in Economics. At its April 3 meeting, members approved the AY 19-20 Catalog with minor edits, and four student petitions for the Entry Level Writing Requirement.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) approved the following two items: proposed revisions to Division Regulations for consideration at the April 15 Meeting of the Division, and, for the 2019 Senate election, an exception to Division Bylaw [Part I. Title III. B.5](#), which requires the total number of nominations for open positions be equal to at least twice the number of positions to be filled.