

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING & RESOURCE ALLOCATION (CAPRA)**Wednesday, April 3, 2024****9:00 – 10:30 am**

- I. Executive Session **9:00 – 9:15**
Voting members only.
- II. Chair's Report – *Interim Chair McCloskey* **9:15 – 9:20**
A. Welcome new member, David Kaminsky (SSHA)
B. March 25 Divisional Council meeting
C. April 2 UCPB meeting
- III. Consent Calendar
A. Today's agenda
B. Draft March 13 meeting minutes

Action requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar
- IV. Consultation with VPAAS Spitzmueller and Naoko Kada, Coordinator for Academic Program Development **9:20 – 9:30**
A. Methodology used to derive enrollment projections. Presentation available here.
- V. Consultation with EVC/Provost Dumont **9:30 – 10:00**
Question from EVC/Provost: what does CAPRA believe the incoming Provost should know as we finish this academic year and prepare for the next one?
- VI. Campus Review Items **10:00 – 10:25**
A. Proposed establishment of an Science, Technology, and Ethics Major and Minor Proposal
 - Proposal is available here.
 - The lead reviewer's comments were submitted to CAPRA members via email on March 28.
 - **Member Carolyn Jennings will recuse from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.**

Action: CAPRA will discuss the lead reviewer's comments. CAPRA's memo is due to the Senate Chair by Wednesday, April 3.
- B. Proposed Establishment of a Communication and Media Major and Minor
 - Proposal is available here.
 - The lead reviewer's comments are forthcoming.
 - **Member David Kaminsky will recuse from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.**

Action: CAPRA will discuss the lead reviewer’s comments. CAPRA’s memo is due to the Senate Chair by Friday, April 19.

- C. Proposed name change of the Materials Science and Engineering Department to the Chemical and Materials Engineering Department.

- **Interim CAPRA Chair McCloskey will recuse from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.**

This proposal intends to align the department name with the two undergraduate degree programs now offered by the Department following approval of the Chemical Engineering B.S. degree program in May 2023 and to avoid confusion for the first class of Chemical Engineering students entering in AY 24-25. The proposed effective date for this name change is July 1, 2024.

The letter from Department Chair Leppert, the proposal, and the policy governing the establishment or revision of academic units are available here:

<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/c62w0lne8hboyc4op0oab1k8uyfemg83>

Action: CAPRA will select a lead reviewer whose comments will be discussed at the April 17 meeting. CAPRA’s memo is due to the Senate Chair by Friday, May 3.

- D. Proposed Establishment of a Neuroscience B.A., B.S., and Minor
- The proposal is available here.

Action: CAPRA will select a lead reviewer whose comments will be discussed at the April 17 meeting. CAPRA’s memo is due to the Senate Chair by Friday, May 3.

VII. Systemwide Review Item **10:25 – 10:30**

- A. Proposed Academic Senate 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).

At this link, please find memos from Academic Council Chair Steintrager and UCEP Chair Cocco. The proposed statement is available on pp. 4-5.

Action: CAPRA will decide whether to opine. If opining, CAPRA will select a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the April 17 meeting. CAPRA’s comments, if any, are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, April 19.