

Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
Minutes of Meeting
September 12, 2019

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation met at 3:00 pm on September 12 in Room 360 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Patricia LiWang presiding.

I. Chair's Report

- A. Chair LiWang introduced new members and welcomed returning members.
- B. Chair LiWang directed members' attention to the committee's conflict of interest policy and asked all members to review.
- C. Senate-Administration governance retreat on August 25-26.
Senate faculty and administrators each discussed their priorities, and particular priorities were discussed in depth. VCORED Traina shared updates and documents related to the redesign initiative of Sponsored Projects Services. Other major topics of discussion were shared governance and school restructuring.
- D. Divisional Council meeting September 4
The major items of discussion included the enrollment shortfall; academic freedom issues faced by faculty from external, organized groups; Chancellor's search advisory committee will meet with Senate faculty on September 24; and faculty concerns over staff advancement and retention.
- E. Campus and systemwide review items
Chair LiWang reported that Division Council members agreed on a targeted approach to the distribution of campus and systemwide review items this academic year whereby the Senate Chair will decide which review items are forwarded to which committee. Each Friday, the Senate Director emails a digest of all pending campus and systemwide review items to all Division Council members and School Executive Committee chairs. CAPRA members voiced their support of the targeted distribution method, however, they requested that the committee analyst forward them the Senate Director's Friday digest for their information.

Action: CAPRA analyst will forward the Senate Director's Friday digest of all pending review items to CAPRA members for informational purposes.

- F. CAPRA priorities for AY 19-20
 - i. Working with the EVC/Provost to continue integrating CAPRA into the evolving process of multiyear academic planning and resource allocation as the campus moves into the post-2020 project period.
 - ii. Advising the EVC/Provost on FTE allocation.

CAPRA member Trounstine, the former co-chair of the Academic Planning Work Group, explained to CAPRA members that in future years, CAPRA will be reviewing School-level resource requests that will include faculty and staff FTE requests and all other budgetary requests. CAPRA will provide advice to the EVC/Provost on the allocation of large pots of money to each School, rather than

provide advice on individual faculty FTE positions as the committee has traditionally done. It is unclear at this time what process CAPRA will follow for spring semester 2020, as the campus is currently in an interim stage with regard to academic planning.

- II. Consent Calendar
 - A. Today's agenda
 - B. May 2, 2019 draft meeting minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

- III. CAPRA Representation on Campus Committees
 - A. Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC).

No volunteers came forward.

Action: CAPRA analyst will follow up with committee members via email.

- B. Library & Scholarly Communications Committee (LASC).

Action: LASC will be informed that CAPRA's representative is Kathleen Hull.

- C. Enrollment Strategy Committee. Proposed by the EVC/Provost, the committee will include representation from the Senate and the Administration.

Action: The CoC chair will be informed that the nominee to represent CAPRA on the Enrollment Strategy Committee is Jessica Trounstine.

- IV. Requests for Senate Representation

- A. The Non-Senate Academic Council and the Librarians Association of UC Merced have each submitted a request to the Senate regarding participation on Senate committees.

CAPRA members agreed that one representative from each organization should be invited to a future CAPRA meeting to discuss with the committee the issues they are interested in. After that introductory meeting, CAPRA will decide whether to invite those representatives to future meetings, as guests, on an ad hoc basis, depending on the topic.

Action: CAPRA analyst will invite representatives from both organizations to a future CAPRA meeting by way of introduction.

- B. Associate Provost of Academic Planning & Budget Kurt Schnier has requested to join CAPRA's membership.

CAPRA members agreed that Associate Provost Schnier should join CAPRA as a consultant (non-voting).

Action: Associate Provost Schnier and the Senate Chair will be informed of this decision.

V. Campus Review Items

A. Chemistry Major Name Change

The faculty of the Chemistry and Chemical Biology department are proposing to change the name of the Chemical Sciences major and minor to: Chemistry.

Action: CAPRA endorses as there are no resource implications. CAPRA's endorsement will be transmitted to the Senate Chair.

B. Proposal for an M.S. Degree in Cognitive & Information Sciences

Action: CAPRA identified a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be placed on the September 26 agenda for discussion.

C. Proposed Revisions to Merced Division Bylaws – LASC Membership

LASC has proposed changes to its membership model. Currently, LASC membership is comprised of a chair plus volunteers from CAPRA, CoR, UGC, and GC. LASC is requesting an at-large model similar to those of other Senate committees in which the Committee on Committees appoints the members.

Action: CAPRA endorses as there are no resource implications. CAPRA's endorsement will be transmitted to the Senate Chair.

VI. Systemwide Review Item

A. Proposed revisions to APM 230 – Visiting Professional Researchers and Visiting Project Scientists

The proposed revisions reflect changes made to comply with a stipulated agreement between the University of California and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) in recognition of the Researchers-Academic Unit formation. On March 22, 2019, the UC and the UAW entered into an agreement to recognize the Academic Researchers United/UAW as the exclusive representative of a unit of employees as defined in the Stipulation. Pursuant to the stipulation, who qualifies as a Visitor in terms of the in-unit titles in the RA Unit has changed.

Action: CAPRA analyst to follow up with committee members via email as to whether they wish to opine.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Attest: Patti LiWang, CAPRA chair