

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020
1:00 – 2:30 PM
KL 360

Attendees: Chair Tom Hansford, Vice Chair Robin DeLugan, LeRoy Westerling, Jay Sharping, Michael Scheibner, Erin Hestir, Josué Medellín-Azuara, Patti LiWang, Nella Van Dyke, Michael Dawson, Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, Christopher Viney, and Carolin Frank.

Absent: Linda Hirst

Guests: EVC/Provost Camfield and Paul Maglio, Director for the Gallo School Initiative

I. Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield

EVC/Provost Camfield updated Division Council members on the following:

- A. The UC administration and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) have not arrived at an agreement on a contract extension for Unit 18 lecturers. The union is proposing that non-Senate faculty take a larger role in shared governance, including veto power over course content and scheduling. The UC administration will not yield, as this violates Regental orders which states that Senate faculty have authority over curriculum matters. EVC/Provost Camfield stated that the Senate, led by UGC, must prepare for a possible strike and potential ramifications regarding the posting of end of semester grades.
- B. If the Supreme Court votes to rescind DACA, UC campuses must prepare for affected students to be deported. This includes making a decision about degree completion for these students. Division Council members asked about the future of undocumented students who are not covered by DACA, and EVC/Provost Camfield replied that the UC should prepare for the worst possible outcome.
- C. The UC's contract with the publisher Elsevier remains severed. Many UC faculty who are editors of Elsevier journals have resigned their positions. EVC/Provost Camfield reported that the new CEO of Elsevier has expressed a willingness to resume negotiations. EVC/Provost Camfield asked Division Council to consider the ramifications of the loss of access to Elsevier journals to junior faculty, given that publishing in prestigious journals is taken into account in the tenure review. He added that UCAP is considering this issue. Division Council members then held a brief discussion, with some members pointing out that impact factors of journals are not an efficient metric to use in faculty tenure review and faculty should be encouraged to publish in open access journals. Other Council members stated that publishing in top journals provides faculty with scholarly visibility which can attract extramural funding needed to support a research program. Such visibility is important for junior faculty who are still establishing their professional profiles. It was suggested that CAP discuss this issue at a future meeting.

II. Consultation with Director for the Gallo School Initiative Paul Maglio

Director Maglio presented to Division Council an overview of the future Gallo School of Management. The pre-proposal to create the School will be submitted to the Senate by March 2020, and the authors of the proposal hope for the Senate's review to be completed by July 2020. He

summarized the future School's vision, common research interests across the departments of MCS, EBM, and CIS (the departments which will be moved under the Gallo School), commonality of interests, and commonality of existing educational programs of MCS, EBM, and CIS. Approximately 50 faculty members in these three departments will move to the Gallo School, as well as four undergraduate majors, five minors, and five graduate programs, including the Economics PhD program and the CIS Master's program.

In response to Division Council members' questions about the diversity of research areas that are slated to move to the Gallo School, Director Maglio responded that the School is not a traditional School of Management but more accurately a School of Management and Information. A Council member inquired which unique elements will exist in the future Gallo School that would set it apart from other UC management schools. Another Council member raised the issue of sustainability and asked how the future Gallo School plans to coordinate with the varied efforts in sustainability that currently are in place on campus. Director Maglio replied that a Sustainability and Society minor is envisioned under the School's proposal, and added that he has been in discussions with faculty in the Life & Environmental Sciences department about sustainability efforts.

III. Chair's Announcements

Chair Hansford updated Division Council members on the following:

- A. Academic Council meeting January 29, 2020
After collecting and analyzing UC admissions data, the report and recommendations from the Academic Council's Standardized Testing Task Force was issued to campus Divisions for review.
- B. Systemwide Senate Leadership Visit January 31, 2020
Chair Hansford thanked Division Council members who participated in meetings with the systemwide Senate chair and vice chair and for participating in the Presidential search town hall meeting.
- C. Executive Session
No minutes taken.
- D. The findings from the second phase of the UC admissions audit will be released by the end of February. The report found that more robust documentation may be needed for special talent admissions. There also could be concerns about the optics of admissions by exception, as many of these students are non-California citizens. However, the reality is that A-G high school requirements are waived for these students who did not attend high school in California or are international students who attended high schools with different GPA scales.

IV. Consent Calendar

- A. The Agenda
- B. January 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

V. Four New Endowed Chairs

The Department of Development and Alumni Relations has requested the Senate review and approval of the following new Endowed Chairs:

- Monya Lane and Robert Bryant Presidential Endowed Chair in Excellence in Engineering
- Grey Roberts and Bette Woolstenhulme Presidential Chair in History
- UC Merced Presidential Chair in Climate Change (Two Chairs)

Per procedure, the Senate Vice Chair reviews the proposals on behalf of DivCo, in consultation with the Chairs of the relevant School Executive Committees.

Comments from the School Executive Committee chairs were made available prior to this meeting for the review of Division Council members.

Vice Chair DeLugan presented her analysis of the proposed Endowed Chairs and the School Chairs' comments. Council members had no additional comments.

Action: A motion was made for Divisional Council to transmit its recommendations/approval to Development and Alumni Relations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with one abstention¹. DivCo's recommendation was transmitted to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations on February 4, 2020

VI. Systemwide Review Items

A. Proposed revisions to APM 120 - Emerita/Emeritus Titles

These changes are being proposed in order to conform to Regents Policy 1203: Policy on Emerita/Emeritus Title Suffix.

The major revisions are:

- Gender inclusive title suffix
- Criteria for the recommendation of non-tenured Senate faculty
- Disqualification criteria
- New subsection for Deans and Faculty Administrators
- Definition of "retirement" for Savings Choice participants
- Clarification of curtailment authority
- Rescission and incorporation of Appendix A (the previous Appendix A documents relating to space resource allocation are proposed for rescission, as the key principles of the documents have been incorporated into the policy text in APM - 120-80-d).

Comments from Senate committees and School Executive Committees were made available prior to this meeting for the review of Division Council members.

CRE Chair Viney summarized the proposed revisions to APM 120. Division Council members had no additional comments.

Action: Division Council's comments were transmitted to the systemwide Senate Chair on February 4, 2020.

B. Proposed Revisions to APM Sections 240 and 246

The proposed changes align with previous revisions and provide some clarification regarding the Deans and Faculty Administrators.

¹ The abstaining faculty member stated that she did not have the appropriate background given that she attended the Feb 3 meeting as an alternate for a Chair who could not attend.

The lead review committee previously declined to comment. Division Council members had no comments.

Action: On February 4, Division Council informed the systemwide Senate Chair that the Merced Division had no comments.

C. UC Washington Center Assessment Report

Last academic year, President Napolitano announced she would like to begin the consultation process on whether and how to transition selected systemwide programs to campuses. As part of that process, Chair Bhavnani has led a review of the UC Washington Center (UCDC) to gain a better understanding of its current state and determine the best options for UCDC's future.

Comments from Senate committees and School Executive Committees were made available prior to this meeting for the review of Division Council members.

After UGC member Leslie summarized the UCDC report, Division Council members discussed the comments from CAPRA and UGC. The CAPRA chair reiterated CAPRA's comment about the need for funding for UC Merced students to participate in the UCDC program. She suggested that discussions should be held with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations on this topic. Chair Hansford replied that he will convey this suggestion to EVC/Provost Camfield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Attest: Tom Hansford, Senate Chair