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Division News

Welcome from the Senate Chair: Among my goals this year is to strengthen communication within the Senate and between the Senate and administration. Per the former, we are restarting the Senate's monthly newsletter, now that the Senate Office has a full complement of staff. Please anticipate receiving this brief update the first Friday of each month during the academic year. Please also look for my welcome letter in your inbox soon. Fiat Lux, Susan Amussen

Upcoming Events

Spring semester is always a busy time for the Senate. In particular, committees have or will be issuing calls for the following:

- **Senate Election:** The Call for Nominations has been extended to Friday, February 9. Now is the time to nominate your colleagues for membership on the Committee on Committees (CoC) and as an At-large Member of Divisional Council. CoC nominations are particularly needed. The nomination petition can be downloaded [here](#).
- **Senate Faculty Grants Program:** The [Call for Proposals](#) went out on January 25. Proposals are due to the Senate Office by March 2, 2018. CoR looks forward to your submissions.
- **Senate Awards:** It's time to nominate your colleagues for one or more of the Senate's eight awards. The Call for Nominations will go out in early February, with nominations will be due to the Senate Office by March 9, 2018.
- **GE Course Proposals & Certifications:** Are you proposing a Spark seminar or certifying an existing course as meeting new GE requirements? Please submit the required information by February 15. Forms and information are available [here](#).

Please also mark your calendars for the spring Meeting of the Division on Monday, April 16, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in KL 232. At this meeting, the recipients of Senate awards and next year's Senate leadership will be announced. The reception that follows offers an opportunity to mingle with colleagues over snacks and drinks. We hope you will join the meeting!

FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – Feb. 6, 20
 CAPRA – Feb. 8, 22
 COR – Feb. 13, 27
 GC – Feb. 1, 15
 FWF – Feb. 15
 UGC – Feb. 12, 26
 CAP – Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
 GESC – Convenes every Monday

Systemwide Committees

Academic Council – Feb. 28
 Assembly – Feb. 14

CONTACT THE CHAIR

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) opined on the second systemwide review of proposed revisions to APM sections pertaining to the re-designation of the L(P)SOE series.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) is preparing for its review of academic plans and FTE request submissions from the schools.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) provided input on a forthcoming, draft campus policy on protests, external speakers, and posting.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) issued its Call for Proposals for the annual Senate faculty grants program on January 25, 2018.

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) is considering four CCGA proposals for new graduate groups, and is reviewing fellowship applications for continuing graduate students.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) has issued the call for nominations for the Senate Elections.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) will work with the Vice Provost for the Faculty to draft guidelines for Contributions to Diversity in the self-statement.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) (LASC) plans to meet with Maggie Saunders, the Director of Space Planning & Analysis, to discuss the draft architectural master plan for the library.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) is engaged in dialogue with the GESC regarding the upcoming implementation of the GE program. At its most recent meeting, UGC discussed proposed revisions to its Bylaws, the proposed Honors Regulation, the MAD minor proposal.

The [General Education Subcommittee](#) meets every Monday and continues to advance implementation of the new GE program. GESC has received several proposals for Spark Seminars and GE course certifications.