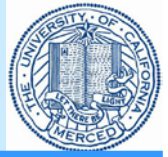


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Division News

From the Senate Chair: I hope your semester is off to a good start.

Things have ramped up quickly here in the Senate. EVC/Provost Camfield has invited the Senate to propose institutional-level initiatives that will shape investment in the next generation of faculty and research at UC Merced and accelerate our progress on the path to R1 status. Due to budget development considerations at the UC Office of the President, the timeline for input is short; recommendations are due to me by Wednesday, February 6. If you are interested in contributing, please reach out to your School Executive Committee representative or committee chair for details.

The Academic Planning Work Group (APWG), a joint Senate-Administration committee chaired by EVC/Provost and [CAPRA Chair](#), and which includes representatives from five Senate committees, will hold its kick-off meeting February 6. Following input from School Executive Committees and Deans, the group is charged with developing goals and criteria that will guide multi-year academic planning and resource allocation in support of achieving a UC-level research mission and R1 status. It will also develop a planning process for resource requests that will involve and empower School Executive Committees and CAPRA.

Graduate Council has initiated a "one-year in" review of Curriculog, the campus's course request tool. The goal is to identify what is working well and what could be improved.

On January 28, the Committee on Rules and Elections issued its call for nominations for the Senate election. Nominations are due to the Senate Office, Monday, February 11. We hope you will nominate your colleagues to serve on the [Committee on Committees](#) and as at-large representatives to Divisional Council.

On February 4, the call for nominations for the [Senate's annual awards](#) will be issued. There will be nine awards, with the addition of D&E's new award for Contributions to Diversity. All departments are encouraged to nominate an individual for each award.

- Kurt Schnier

FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – Feb 4, 20

CAP – Feb 1, 8, 15, 22

CAPRA – Feb 7, 21

COR – Feb 13, 27

CRE – Feb 13

COC – Feb 15

D&E – None

FWAF – Feb 20

GC – Feb 14, 28

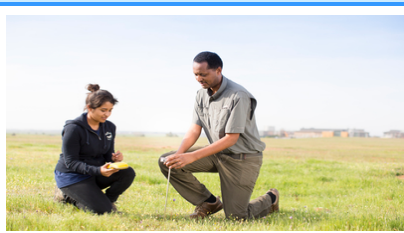
LASC – Feb 25

UGC – Feb 13, 27

AFAS – Feb 26

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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. CAP is also reviewing the proposed working title of Teaching Professor for faculty in the LSOE series.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) received a preliminary review of the campus's fiscal year 2020 budget from the AVC of Financial Planning & Analysis, Romi Kaur. CAPRA continues to consult with the EVC/Provost on integrative campus planning.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) is reviewing several campus and systemwide review items. It will meet February 20.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) received 42 proposals for the Senate faculty grants program and is currently reviewing them. The committee is finalizing revisions to the policy for establishing Organized Research Units (ORUs); the final version will be considered by Divisional Council.

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) approved the addition of a concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology to the Quantitative and Systems Biology graduate program. On January 31, EVC/Provost Camfield joined GC to discuss support for graduate education and research.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) has discussed the proposed Policy for the Establishment of New Schools/Colleges, the Academic Personnel Voting Guide, and the proposal to adopt the working title of Teaching Professor for faculty in the LSOE series.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) endorsed the proposal to establish the working title of Teaching Professor for faculty in the LSOE series. The Committee also approved a new Senate Award for Contributions to Diversity.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) has no updates.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) has approved 14 courses (some with GE components), discussed the proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336, and endorsed the proposal to establish the working title of Teaching Professor for faculty in the LSOE series. UGC is reviewing the Social Sciences and Management department proposal for a name change and the [BOARS](#) Transfer Agreement proposal.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) approved a request from the Public Health Graduate Group to change the title of its master's degree to a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH). This is a new degree title for the campus and, thus, requires approval by the Assembly of the Academic Senate.