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Division News

From the Senate Chair: Spring is always a very busy time for the Senate, and this one is no different! At the systemwide level, the Senate continues to work with the administration on ensuring that faculty salaries regain some of their value, so that UC remains competitive with the best universities in the country. The Senate has also endorsed the principle that UC should partner with international universities to enable all undocumented UC students to finish their educations outside the U.S., if necessary.

On campus, the General Education Subcommittee (GESC) of Undergraduate Council continues to implement the new General Education Program. As of February 26, more than 650 courses have been submitted for GE certification. These are being reviewed by the GESC. Fifty-nine proposals for Spark seminars also have been received, a portion of which are proposed for both semesters in AY 2018-2019. About half the proposals thus far are from Senate faculty, and about half from Unit 18 lecturers. Spark seminars for AY 2018-2019 may still be proposed at <https://ucmerced.curriculog.com/>. The GESC appreciates all the time and effort faculty and staff have invested in the program's development and implementation. If you have questions, please direct them to GESC Chair, Jack Vevea, at ge@ucmerced.edu.

In other news,

- The Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee's (AFAS) second annual Admissions/Enrollment Presentation Luncheon for Faculty will take place March 7 from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in KL 232. You are encouraged to attend!
- As of today, March 2, [Curriculog](https://ucmerced.curriculog.com/) has gone live. Going forward, all course requests will be submitted through this system. Many thanks to the faculty and staff who have made this project a success!

Finally, please plan to vote in the upcoming Senate election. Four members of the [Committee on Committees](#) and two At-large members of [Divisional Council](#) will be elected. Look for a ballot in your inbox on Monday, March 5!

FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – Mar. 6, 20

CAPRA – Mar. 8, 22

COR – Mar. 13

GC – Mar. 16

UGC – Mar. 12

CAP – Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23

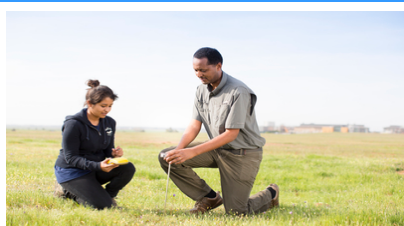
GESC – Convenes every Monday

Systemwide Committees

Academic Council – Mar. 21

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) consulted with the Senate Chair and UGC on issues of General Education implementation. The committee is currently reviewing the AY 18-19 faculty FTE requests as submitted by the Schools.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) is collaborating with Campus Counsel on a potential draft policy on recordings of classroom discussions, presentations, and lectures.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) is revising the current Senate policy on the establishment and review of research units

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) has distributed three CCGA proposals for campus-wide review. GC also commented on the proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations, and endorsed the proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 128 addressing Conflicts of Interest.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) will be issuing the ballot for the Senate elections on Monday, March 5. The election will take place on Monday, March 12.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) is reviewing its procedures for nominating Faculty Equity Advisors for AY 18-19.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) (LASC) continues to engage with the Library regarding 2020 planning.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) endorsed revisions to the Merced Division Regulation related to Honors in the major and is currently reviewing the BIOE CCGA proposal and the Political Science Honors program proposal.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) approved for transmittal to CCGA the *Proposal for a Program of Graduate Studies in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science for MS and PhD Degrees*.