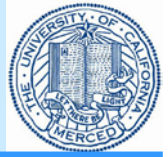


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Division News

From the Senate Chair: The activities of the Academic Planning Work Group (APWG), a joint Senate-Administration committee chaired by EVC/Provost and [CAPRA Chair](#), are progressing according to the group's charge and schedule. Three town halls to solicit faculty input on institutional goals, and definitions of success for meeting those goals, have been held, one per school. Input has also been solicited from faculty administrators of ORUs, MRUs, and the General Education program and from Joint Council. By the end of March, the APWG will have prepared for Senate review an integrated package of indices and associated criteria for success to guide the allocation of resources at an institutional level, together with a proposed process for conducting multi-year academic planning, commencing in AY 2019-2020. The Budget Working Group (BWG) has also been meeting regularly and is currently discussing policies for salary recovery, indirect cost recovery, library funding, and summer session. Draft recommendations for changes to the salary recovery and IDCR policies will be circulated through the Senate soon. The BWG looks forward to the campus' feedback on these important budgetary policies.

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. We hope those of you with Curriculog experience will participate in opportunities to provide feedback on the system.

Finally, I hope you will mark the following on your calendars:

- The nomination period for the [Academic Senate's nine faculty awards](#) will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 8. Departments are encouraged to recognize members' achievements by nominating individuals for each award.
- The spring Meeting of the Division will take place Monday, April 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in KL 232. At this meeting, next year's Senate Chair and Vice Chair and the recipients of the Senate's awards will be announced. The Division will also vote on proposed revisions to Part IV. Section II: Master's Degree Requirements of the [Merced Division Regulations](#). We hope you will participate in this final Meeting of the Division for AY 2018-19 and/or join the reception that immediately follows to connect with colleagues.

- Kurt Schnier

FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULES

Merced Division

Divisional Council – March 4, 18

CAP – March 1, 8, 15, 22

CAPRA – March 7, 21

COR – March 13

CRE – March 13

COC – March 1, 15

D&E – March 19

FWAF – None

GC – March 14

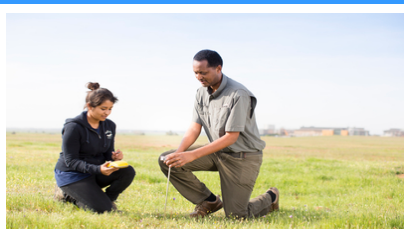
LASC – None

UGC – March 20

AFAS – None

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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.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) is preparing for the review of schools' and deans' FTE requests and continues to discuss, and plan for, the committee's role in the campus's emerging integrative, campus academic planning process.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) consulted with the Associate Vice Chancellor for Auxiliary Enterprises and Fiscal Innovation, Alan Coker, and reiterated faculty/staff/student needs regarding summer, holiday, and after-school child care. The committee also consulted with Associate VPF Zulema Valdez regarding diversity in faculty hiring.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) awarded 27 Senate faculty grant proposals of 42 submitted. COR is finalizing its revised policy for establishing Organized Research Units (ORUs).

[Graduate Council](#) (GC) is reviewing and approving course requests and petitions for graduate students to teach upper division undergraduate courses during summer term. On February 20, GC reviewed recruitment fellowship rankings based on application reviews by a volunteer group of faculty.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) extended the nomination period for this [spring's election](#) to 4 p.m. today, March 1. Nominations are sought for four openings on the [Committee on Committees](#) and two At-large positions on [Divisional Council](#).

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) has no updates; it will meet March 19.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) consulted with Divisional Council regarding its membership structure, and is discussing next steps in revising its bylaws.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) commented on the proposed charge for an Enrollment Strategy Committee and the Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations. On February 27, UGC discussed the Economics B.S. and the Psychology Honors proposals, and the [BOARS](#) Transfer Agreement proposal. UGC approved 30 courses on February 13 and will review 25 course proposals by email.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) approved the proposal to change the name of the Social Sciences and Management department to Economics and Business Management, and endorsed a proposal from the VPF to establish the working title of Teaching Professor for faculty in the LSOE series.