



**SPRING MEETING OF THE MERCED DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020
3:00 P.M.– 4:30 P.M.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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| I. | CHAIR’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS – <i>Division Chair Tom Hansford</i> | 5 MIN |
| II. | CONSENT CALENDAR ¹ | 5 MIN |
| | A. Approval of the Agenda | |
| | B. Approval of Draft Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Meeting of the Division | |
| III. | CAMPUS UPDATE – <i>Interim Chancellor Brostrom & EVC/Provost Camfield</i> | 20 MIN |
| IV. | BYLAW REVISIONS - CRE Chair, Secretary/Parliamentarian Christopher Viney | 10 MIN |
| | A. Amendments to UCM Senate Bylaw I.III.5 -Divisional Representatives | |

The [Committee on Rules and Elections \(CRE\)](#) has proposed revisions to [Senate Bylaw I.III.5](#) pertaining to Divisional Representatives. The need for these amendments was occasioned by circumstances that emerged during the last Election cycles and a difficulty experienced obtaining a sufficient number of nominations to develop a slate of candidates that met the requirements of UC Merced’s Senate Bylaw I.III.5. B.

The proposed amendments were approved by the Divisional Council on April 20, 2020 and are available [here](#).

Action Requested: The Merced Division votes to endorse the proposed amendments to Senate Bylaw I.III.5-Divisional Representatives. If approved, these amendments will be effective June 17, 2020, 41 days after approval by the Division, per Senate Bylaw.

B. Proposal to Establish the Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee of UGC as a Senate Committee
The Undergraduate Council (UGC) has proposed the establishment of the Admissions and Financial Aid Subcommittee (AFAS) of UGC as a stand-alone Senate Committee: The Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC), starting in AY 2020-2021. A description of the background and rationale are provided in [UGC’s memo](#).

Note: The proposed compensation of the Chair of AFAC will be considered separately by the Senate and the Administration in AY 20-21 and is not under review at this time.

The proposal was endorsed by Divisional Council in March 2020 and [distributed to Senate and School Executive Committees](#) for comments. CAPRA supports the proposal and offers comments, available [here](#). The [SSHA Executive Committee](#), the [SNS Executive Committee](#) and the [Diversity and Equity Committee](#) endorse the proposal. CAP, CoR, FWF, GC and LASC [declined to comment](#).

¹ Agenda items deemed non-controversial by the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Division, in consultation with the Divisional Council, may be placed on a Consent Calendar under Special Orders. Should the meeting not attain a quorum, the Consent Calendar would be taken as approved. (Quorum = the lesser of 40% or 50 members of the Division.) At the request of any Divisional member, any Consent Calendar item is extracted for consideration under “New Business” later in the agenda. Christopher Viney, Secretary/Parliamentarian.

Action Requested: The Merced Division votes to endorse the proposed Senate Bylaw for an Admissions and Financial Aid Committee. If approved, this Bylaw amendment will be effective June 17, 2020, 41 days after approval by the Division, per Senate Bylaw. The proposed AFAC Bylaw is available [here](#).

V. Resolution to Address Climate Change – *Professor Roger Bales* 10 MIN

Professor Roger Bales presented a Resolution to Address Climate Change at the January 22, 2020 Divisional Council meeting.

The proposed Resolution was distributed to several Senate committees, and several comments were provided. Please refer to the Senate’s memo, available [here](#). Professor Bales [addressed these comments](#) and presented a revised version of the Resolution, available [here](#).

Action Requested: The Merced Division votes to endorse Professor Bales’ Resolution to Address Climate Change.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORTS 15 MIN

- [Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#), Chair Patti LiWang (oral)
- [Committee on Academic Personnel](#), Chair Nella Van Dyke (oral)
- [Reserve Committee on Academic Personnel](#), CAP Chair Nella Van Dyke (oral)
- [Committee on Committees](#), Chair Linda Hirst (oral)
- [Committee on Diversity and Equity](#), Chair Asmeret Asefaw Berhe (oral)
- [Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#), Chair Carolin Frank (oral)
- [Committee on Research](#), Chair Michael Scheibner (oral)
- [Committee on Rules and Elections](#), Chair Christopher Viney (oral)
- [Graduate Council](#), Chair LeRoy Westerling (oral)
- [Library and Scholarly Communication Committee](#), Chair Maria DePrano (oral)
- [Undergraduate Council](#), Chair Jay Sharping (oral)

VII. SENATE AWARDS 10 MIN

- Dr. Fred Spiess Award for Distinguished Service to the Academic Senate
- Senate Faculty Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award
- Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award for Non-Senate Faculty
- Senate Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Mentorship Award
- Senate Distinguished Early Career Research Award
- Senate Distinction in Research Award
- Senate Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award
- Senate Excellence in Faculty Mentorship Award
- Senate Award for Contributions to Diversity

VIII. QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH SENATE LEADERSHIP 5 MIN

IX. PETITION OF STUDENTS 5 MIN

X. NEW BUSINESS 5 MIN

Glossary of [UC Merced](#) and [Systemwide Academic Senate](#) Committee Acronyms

CAP - Committee on Academic Personnel
CAPRA - Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation
CoC - Committee on Committees
COR - Committee on Research
CRE - Committee on Rules and Elections
D&E - Diversity and Equity
DivCo - Division (al) Council
FWAF - Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom
GC - Graduate Council
L (A) SC - Library and Scholarly Communication
P&T - Privilege and Tenure
RCAP – Reserve Committee on Academic Personnel
UGC - Undergraduate Council
AFAS – Admissions, Financial Aid and Scholarships

BOARS - Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools
CCGA - Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs
COUNCIL - Academic Council
UCAF - University Committee on Academic Freedom
UCAP - University Committee on Academic Personnel
UCAADE - University Committee on Affirmative Action, Diversity, and Equity
UCACC - University Committee on Academic Computing and Communications
UCEP - University Committee on Educational Policy
UCOC - University Committee on Committees
UCFW - University Committee on Faculty Welfare
UCIE - University Committee on International Education
UCOLASC - University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
UCPB - University Committee on Planning and Budget
UCOPE - University Committee on Preparatory Education
UCORP - University Committee on Research Policy
UCPT - University Committee on Privilege and Tenure
UCRJ - University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction