

Senate Monthly Newsletter - February 2020 Edition



Academic Senate

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Division News:

From the Senate Chair: With this second newsletter of the semester, I write with updates on Senate activities over the last month that may be of interest to you:

- The UC Board of Regents' Special Committee to Consider the Selection of a UC President held several town halls across UC campuses. UCM's town hall took place on January 31. The Special Committee aims to make a decision by May.
- The CoC Senate Service Preference Survey closed on January 20, 2020. Thank you very much for taking the time to respond. Your responses will inform CoC's deliberations and planning.
- The Senate Elections' Call for Nominations was sent to the Members of the Academic Senate on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and an extension was issued on January 27, 2020. **Please consider nominating your colleagues or self-nominating.** The new deadline for submitting nominations is **Monday, February 10, 2020.**
- CoR is currently reviewing the research grant proposals submitted for the 2020 Senate Faculty grants competition. CoR received 11 proposals from SNS, 7 from SoE, and 17 from SSHA. Awardees will be notified in mid-February.

Looking forward, here are some important Senate events scheduled this month:

- Monday, February 24, 2020 is the UC Merced Academic Senate Election Day. **Please Remember to Vote!**

- The Call for Nominations for the annual Senate Awards was issued on February 5, 2020. All departments are encouraged to nominate an individual for each award. Names of last year's recipients are available [here](#).
- The Fiat Lux Scholar Program is a Living Learning Community for First Generation college students. One of the components of the Fiat Lux Scholars Program is to host monthly Faculty Receptions. The goals of these receptions include: connecting students with faculty outside of the classroom, developing student networking and communication skills, and providing a friendly atmosphere for students to explore courses, majors, careers, and research opportunities. It will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM in the California Room, near the Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center. Please RSVP [here](#).

- Tom Hansford

Committee Highlights

[The Committee on Academic Personnel](#) (CAP) continues to conduct business as usual and is opining on a systemwide review item.

[The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation](#) (CAPRA) heard a presentation from the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Budget on the graduate funding model and opined on campus and systemwide review items.

[The Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom](#) (FWAF) next meets on February 11.

[The Committee on Research](#) (COR) is reviewing the proposals submitted for the 2020 Senate faculty grants program. The committee also held a consultation with the Interim Chancellor, EVC/Provost, VCORED, and Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Budget on a potential indirect cost return policy.

[The Graduate Council](#) (GC) continues to work on reducing faculty and staff workload related to the CRF process. GC will be issuing a memo on the proposed conjoined PROC review for undergraduate and graduate programs.

[The Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE) opined on the systemwide review of APM 120-Emerita/Emeritus Titles. This item was discussed at the February 3 DivCo meeting.

[The Committee on Diversity and Equity](#) (D&E) is drafting a memo for how best to address diversity, equity and inclusion in the PROC self-study template. D&E also met with Faculty Equity Advisors and will be making recommendations for increasing accountability in Faculty Searches.

[The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications](#) (LASC) encourages faculty members to participate in a systemwide poll to assess the impact of our research community's immediate access to Elsevier journals.

[The Undergraduate Council](#) (UGC) opined on the UC Washington Center Review Report and is currently reviewing the second petition this semester, to waive the minimum degree requirement.

[Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) has consulted with Directors Saunders and Woods on space and physical planning activities, and Professor Bales, on the proposed Resolution to Address Climate Change. DivCo also commented on a draft MOU and proposal for FTE transfers put forth by VPF Matlock.

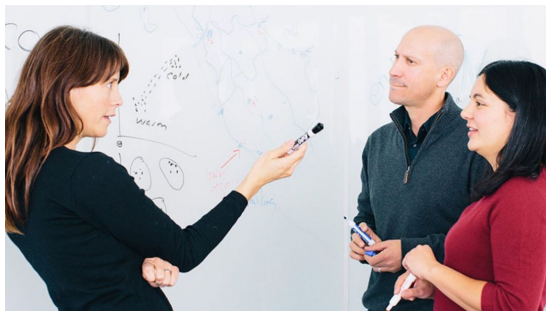
February Meeting Schedules

DIVCO - FEB 3, 19
CAP - FEB 7, 14, 21, 28
CAPRA - FEB 11, 25
CoR - FEB 12, 26
CRE - FEB 24
CoC - FEB 26
D&E - FEB 3
GC - FEB 4, 18
UGC - FEB 14, 28
LASC - FEB 26
AFAS - FEB 14
FWAF - FEB 11

COUNCIL - FEB 26
UCACC - FEB 25
UCOC - FEB 18
BOARS - FEB 7
CCGA - FEB 5
LASC - FEB 19
UCEP - FEB 3
UCFW - FEB 14
UCPB - FEB 4
UCP&T - FEB 28
UCORP - FEB 10

Contact the Chair

Questions, concerns, or issues you would like to see addressed? Contact Senate Chair Hansford at senatechair@ucmerced.edu



Review Items:

A new webpage on the UCM Senate website is now available and will be updated regularly. Please click [here](#) to view the items that are currently discussed and reviewed locally and at the systemwide level.

Special Events

- **The Meeting of the Assembly of the Academic Senate** will take place on

Wednesday, February 12, 2020, from 10:00am-4:00pm, in KL 232. You may find the agenda [here](#).

- **The Enrollment/Admissions Faculty Forum** will take place on Monday, February 24, 2020, in KL 232.