

**DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
MERCED DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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The Divisional Council (DivCo) held a total of 20 meetings with respect to its duties as outlined in the Merced Division Bylaw I.IV.3. This count includes a special meeting held March 14, 2017 on the topic of the Framework for UC's Growth and Support. In addition, DivCo members met with Chancellor Leland, Provost/EVC Peterson, Associate Chancellor and Chief of Staff Klotzbier, Associate Chancellor Putney, VPF Camfield, Interim VCPB Mendez, LASC Chair and UCOLASC Representative Ryavec, the Chairs of the School Executive Committees, Director of Summer Session and Extension Johnson, and Director of Extension Education Programs Reimer. Many of the Council's agenda items were delegated for preliminary review by the appropriate Senate Committees, followed by full Division Council review. The issues that DivCo considered this year are described briefly below.

2020 Project

At the September 9, 2016 meeting Richard Cummings, Director of Strategic Communications provided an update on the 2020 project with a focus on the project timeline and building deliverables. With the support of DivCo, faculty members were identified to participate in the design-review process for translating conceptual-level building designs into construction documents.

Framework for UC's Growth and Support

During its February 2 and March 14 meetings, the Chancellor consulted with Divisional Council regarding the campus' contribution to the Framework for UC's Growth and Support, a systemwide initiative to identify the direction and resources needed to sustain the University as a world-class public research university into the future. Discussions focused on the campus's development of a scenario for submission to UCOP outlining projected enrollments in 2040 and the resources necessary to reach that goal.

School Executive Committees

On May 4, 2017, Divisional Council consulted with the Chairs of the School Executive Committees, following ongoing consideration of the role of these committees in school governance. Topics included the committees' involvement in school-level planning and resource allocation and strengthening information flow and collaboration among the school executive committees and Divisional Council. The latter will be an area for ongoing attention in AY 2017-18.

Library Resources

At its December 15, 2016 and March 2, 2017 meetings, Divisional Council considered the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication's recommendation to endorse the Library's vision for expansion as outlined in its white paper titled UC Merced Library Space: 2020 and Beyond. In the memo transmitting its endorsement to the Provost, DivCo urged that the Library be integrated fully into the campus' emerging integrative planning processes, including for space, budget, and FTE, given the centrality of the library to the success of UC Merced's academic mission.

DivCo reviewed, approved and/or made recommendations on the following items:

- Recommended that proposed changes to the MAPP, regarding the selection and appointment of endowed chairs which were approved in AY 2015-16, be implemented this year (9/27)
- Endorsed UGC's approval of the Proposal to Discontinue the Service Science Minor (9/27)

- Made recommendations to the Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC) regarding Senate representation on PROC (9/27)
- Endorsed and forwarded to the Chancellor, upon FWAF's recommendation, a letter from a group of faculty expressing concern about a letter sent by President Napolitano, and all ten chancellors, to the American Anthropological Association that was developed without consultation with the faculty (10/28)
- Commented on the Deans' Council's memo to the faculty regarding the cap on summer session salary (11/7)
- Endorsed GC's approval of the Proposal for a Program of Professional Studies with PDST in pursuit of the Master of Management offered by a new Graduate Group in Management of Innovation, Sustainability, and Technology, and approved the Masters of Management degree title, the campus's first professional degree (11/17)
- Approved proposed amendments to the Thondapu Family Chair in Bioengineering (11/29)
- Commented on the proposed Charge to the Police Advisory Committee (11/29)
- Endorsed proposed revisions to Section II.III.6 of the Merced Bylaws (11/29)
- Approved the proposal to establish the UC Merced Foundation Board of Trustees Presidential Chair (12/6)
- Endorsed, with a recommendation, proposed revisions to MAPP 6001, the Policy for the Establishment and Administration of Endowed Chairs (12/15)
- Recommended the organizational relocation of Summer Session and University Extension from the Division of Student Affairs to Academic Affairs (12/16)
- Commented the campus's draft definition of Student Success (12/22)
- Commented on the draft Presidential Policy on Establishing and Maintaining Presidential Policies (1/20)
- Commented on the proposed Incentive Plan for Revenue Generating Master's Degree Programs (2/6)
- Commented on the draft Policy on Access to Student Data (2/9)
- Endorsed D&E's request to endorse the VPF's efforts to determine appropriate ways to collect data to strengthen support for LGBTQ faculty (2/16)
- Endorsed and transmitted the results of CoR's fall 2016 survey, regarding faculty experiences related to the pursuit and management of extramural research funding, to the administration (2/23)
- Recommended to the administration a set of principles to guide the allocation and management of faculty startup and incidental funds (2/27)
- Made recommendations regarding the membership of the Space Planning and Allocation Board (2/27)
- Commented on the Deans' Council's response to DivCo regarding the summer session salary cap (3/2)
- Endorsed UGC's approval of the Proposal for a Minor in World Heritage (3/14)
- Endorsed UGC's recommendation to accept the revised Report of the Task Force on University Honors, and invite submission of a proposal for a University Honors Program (3/17)
- Endorsed the GC's revisions to the Policy on the Posthumous Awarding of Degrees and Certificates (3/24)
- Endorsed the vision for the library's growth outlined in the Library's white paper titled Library Space: 2020 and Beyond (3/28)
- Transmitted to the faculty the Committee on Research's Report on the Fall 2016 Survey Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts (3/29)

- Recommended to CRE to develop Senate Regulations for awarding high and highest honors within the major (4/24)
- Endorsed UGC's approval of the Proposal for an English Honors program (5/1)
- Endorsed UGC's approval of the Proposal for a Program in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) for the Bachelors of Arts Degree
- Recommended attention to ameliorating the negative impact of increases to postdoctoral scholar salaries on campus research efforts (5/15)
- Endorsed CAPRA's recommendations regarding the decision-making process for determining the home unit of a vacant senate faculty FTE, following a request for guidance on this topic from the SSHA Executive Committee (5/22)
- Endorsed proposed revisions to the Policy for the Establishment or Revision of Academic Degree Programs (5/22)
- Approved proposals for five new academic units in the School of Engineering (SoE) together with a revised set of School bylaws (5/26)
- Transmitted to the administration FWAF, D&E, UGC, and CAPRA statement encouraging intentional planning for faculty lecturing lines, both Senate and Non-Senate, in future academic planning. (5/31)
- Transmitted to the Provost CAPRA's statement of support for I.T. funding (5/31)
- Endorsed UGC's approval of the Proposal for a New General Education Program (6/5)
- Commented to Academic Council on the Activity Based Costing report UC Merced submitted to the Office of the President in 2017 (6/16)
- Approved the Guide to Senate Committee Membership and the Purpose and Practice of Executive Session (6/1)

DivCo also opined on the following systemwide items:

- Proposed revisions to APM 015, APM 016 and Senate Bylaw 336 (11/15)
- Draft new Presidential Policy on International Activities (11/15)
- Recommendations for future equity analyses of faculty salaries (1/6)
- Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 182 (1/10)
- Proposed revisions to Presidential Policy on Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Regarding Academic and Staff Employment and APM 15 (1/10)
- Proposed revised Regental Policy Governing Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (1/10)
- Proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 630.D (3/15)
- Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy (4/17)
- Draft Presidential Policy on Export Controls (5/16)
- Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336 (5/16)
- Proposed revisions to APM - 285, 210-3, 133 and 740 (5/16)
- Draft revised Presidential Policy on Electronic Information Security (IS-3) (7/14)