

# Changing of the Guard 2021

**Committee and Council Achievements  
during Academic Year 2020-21, &  
2020-21 & 2021-22 Chairs**

## Committee on Academic Freedom

Chair: 20-21 Eugene Volokh, 21-22 Susanne Lohmann

Reviewed campus and systemwide issues.

## Charges Committee

Chair: 20-21 & 21-22, Jeff Bronstein

- Reviewed 12 cases; responded to systemwide bylaw changes in re sexual harassment & disciplinary hearings; provided recommendations to Administration based on case review trends.

## Committee on Committees

Chair: 20-21 Chris Colwell, 21-22 Reza Ahmadi

- Appointed 75 new members to Senate standing committees, focusing on diversity, equity, discipline and gender balance.

## **Committee on Continuing and Community Engagement**

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22, David Gere**

- Focused on issues related to fostering access to higher education, diversity and inclusion, including an online college preparatory program for disadvantaged high school students and a Prison Education Program proposal for an in-person bachelor's program.

## **Committee on Data, Information Technology and Privacy**

**Chair: 20-21 Susan Cochran, 21-22 Alex Bui**

- Discussed and provided ongoing consultation and input regarding the UCLA IT Assessment.

## **Committee on Development**

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22 David Myers**

- Surveyed faculty leaders to assess their development needs.
- Planned and co-sponsored a workshop/training session for faculty. Continued discussions with development leadership on opportunities and challenges.

## **Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

**Chair: 20-21 Richard Yarborough, 21-22 Reynaldo Macias**

- Appraised Program Review Self-Reports and provided Issue Statements; awarded the 2020-21 DEI awards; arranged meetings with Faculty Equity Advisors; continued dialogue with the Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and inclusion; laid the groundwork to discuss student-focused EDI initiatives.

## **Committee on Emeriti Affairs**

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22 Yvette Tache**

## **Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics**

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22 Lynn Vavreck**

- Assessed the impacts of COVID-19 and remote learning on student-athletes, academic progress, health and well-being.
- Partnered with the Athletic Department's new Anti-Racism programming and resources for coaches, staff, and students.

## **Committee on International Education**

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22 Andrea Goldman**

- Focused on issues including the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and support of student populations in crisis; supported listening sessions for international undergraduate students; commented on essential travel; discussed DEI development efforts for study abroad scholarships.

## **Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication**

**Chair: 20-21 Gregory Leazer, 21-22 Robert Zeithammer**

- Reviewed contracts negotiated between institutions and publishers.
- Partnered with the Library on a steering committee to examine the differences between Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and Anti- Racism Incentives (ARI).

## **Faculty Welfare Committee**

**Chair: 20-21 Huiying Li, 21-22 Carson Schutze**

- Addressed issues including the impact of the pandemic on faculty, faculty housing, and childcare.
- Proposed ideas to recognize faculty service.

## **Grievance Advisory Committee**

**Chair: 20-21 Troy Carter, 21-22 Mark Greenberg**

- Received over 40 queries and consultation requests.

## Committee on Privilege & Tenure

**Chair: 20-21 Vilma Ortiz, 21-22 Sandra Graham**

- Received 9 formal disciplinary or termination cases: conducted 3 formal hearings, 3 cases settled, 3 cases pending; reviewed 15 grading grievances; closed 7 faculty grievances.

## Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22 David Blank**

- Held 11 meetings and 2 independent reviews to address over 75 requests related to bylaws, regulations, program review, and systemwide matters; issued first 2 legislative rulings in the history of the Los Angeles Division after approval by LgA.

## Committee on Teaching

**Chair: 20-21 & 21-22 Jessica Collett**

- Selected 14 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients; provided feedback on the University's new Learning Management System (LMS).

## **Committee on Undergraduate Admission and Relations with Schools**

**Chair: 20-21 Barbara Knowlton, 21-22 Li Cai**

- Collaborated with Enrollment Management and Student Outreach groups on initiatives examining services and programs providing academic support, cultural events, and financial aid, particularly for students from low socio-economic backgrounds.
- Presented the Undergraduate Admission Procedures Admission Ad Hoc Committee report and delivered a plan to implement the recommendations.

## **Council on Academic Personnel & ClinCAP**

**CAP Chair: 20-21 Ali Behdad, 21-22 Catia Sternini**

**ClinCAP Chair: 20-21 Kenneth Philipson, 21-22 Mark DeAntonio**

- Reviewed 818 actions; discussed personnel and equity issues related to the pandemic, collaborative/team science, and mentoring as an aspect of review.



## Council on Planning and Budget

**Chair: 20-21 Tim Groeling, 21-22 Evelyn Blumenberg**

- Presented Recommendations for Assessment and Oversight of the Bruin Budget Model, and proposed Key Metrics dashboards to evaluate the model.
- Advised and consulted with the Administration on many issues.

## Council on Research

**Chair: 20-21 Julian Martinez, 21-22 Marco Iacoboni**

- Proposed a new funding mechanism, Bridge Research Grant, to address the challenges faced by the COVID pandemic.
- Continued discussions on access to library materials for research.
- Resumed discussions on the Medical Center Scientific Review process.

## Graduate Council

**Chair: 20-21 Andrea Kasko, 21-22 Leah Lievrouw**

- Stewarded the campus' instructional response to the pandemic.
- Conducted TA training.
- Established guidelines for future online courses.
- Continued success with SSGPDP approvals, specifically the review and approval of MQST and MACS.
- Established program review guidelines for SSGPDPs and the addition of a mentorship criterion to self-review reports.
- Awarded 19 Graduate Council Diversity Fellowships for the 2021-2022 academic year (11 to PhD students, 8 to Master's students).

## Undergraduate Council

**Chair: 20-21 Megan McEvoy, 21-22 Kathleen Bawn**

- Stewarded the campus' instructional response to the pandemic.
- Implemented programmatic changes: 1 new BA program, 4 new minors, including establishment of the:
  - BA in Southeast Asian Studies in the Dept. of Asian Languages & Cultures;
  - Minor in Central American Studies in Dept. of Chicana/o & Central American Studies;
  - Minor in Social Data Science in the Dept. of Statistics.
- Discussed and opined on policy issues concerning undergraduate education, including:
  - Approved revised Program Review Guidelines for the Self-Review;
  - Approved revisions to the UCLA Undergraduate Fully Online Course Approval Policy;
  - Authorized remote instruction in Winter 2021, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, and Fall 2021;
  - Approved revisions to the Undergraduate Council bylaws.
- Conducted 11 program review site visits, including seven reviews with the Graduate Council.
- Approved the closure of 22 open program reviews.

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councils and so much more!**