Executive Board

Academic Senate Changing of the Guard 2021

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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 resexual 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 socioeconomic 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 sciences, 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:
 - o 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.

Thank you to the dedicated Academic Senate staff who support all of these committees and councils and so much more!



Changing of the Guard: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Via Videoconference: https://ucla.zoom.us/j/94775827167?pwd=RUI1NkxYUm5TZEpQSVpOZld4WHZOZz09

Time	Item
11:30	1. Welcome
11:30-11:35 <i>S. White</i>	2. Acknowledgement of Past Chair Michael Meranze
11:35-12:05	Overview of Academic Senate Activities During AY2020-21
S. White	4. Acknowledgement of Outgoing and Incoming Committee and Council Chairs
12:05-12:10 <i>S. White</i>	5. Introduction of Jody Kreiman as 2021-22 Academic Senate Chair
12:10-12:25 <i>J. Kreiman</i>	6. Remarks from Academic Senate Chair Jody Kreiman
12:25-12:30	7. Open Forum