

Task Force of UCPB on the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources (UCPB-ANRTF):

Charge: To consult with leadership from the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), on a regular basis; to review the mission and strategic objectives of the Division; and to consider issues related to the ANR budget, the Division's academic and capital planning, and the intersection of its academic and outreach missions with the broader academic and outreach efforts of the University. The Task Force shall report its findings to the UC Systemwide Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB) as needed.

The Task Force will regularly consider the academic planning aspects of budgetary allocations to ANR. The Committee will advise the Academic Council concerning how any issues before the Academic Senate, or under consideration by ANR, affect the overall quality and success of ANR programs and their relationship to the academic mission of the University. The Task Force shall monitor ANR's role within the overall teaching, research, and public service missions of the University, and evaluate ANR's ability to carry out its activities in a manner that supports the standards of excellence in teaching, research, and public service consistent with the University's responsibilities under the California Master Plan.

Membership: The membership of the Task Force on the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources shall consist of at least 10 Academic Senate representatives. At least six will be at-large members who shall serve one-year renewable terms (no limit); chosen for their experience in University governance and on Academic Senate committees (primarily UCPB, UCORP, and corresponding committees at the division level), subject-matter expertise in research and extension in agricultural and natural science, and criteria of diversity (age, gender, academic discipline, and campus). In balancing the first two criteria, subject-matter expertise is more easily gained after an individual's appointment, and therefore less important than Senate experience. Four will be ex-officio members holding the following offices: UCPB Chair, UCPB Vice Chair, Academic Council Chair, and Academic Council Vice Chair. The at-large members and Chair of the Task Force will be nominated to UCOC by the chair of UCPB. The UCPB chair shall work jointly with UCOC before the committee membership is finalized, considering nominees recommended by UCOC, but the UCPB chair shall retain the final approval authority.

Justification: ACSCANR has not been successful in meeting its charge. The original charge specified that six of nine members were to be "ex-officio," including the chairs or vice-chairs of CCGA, UCORP, UCPB, and the chairs or vice-chairs of the UCB, UCD, and UCR divisions. The chair of ACSCANR eventually was specified to be the incoming vice-chair of the Academic Senate in odd-numbered years. Relatively few of these members might be expected to bring much knowledge about ANR, and the committee lacked continuity of knowledge or expertise beyond the two at-large members from ANR campuses. This proposal keeps the original charge largely intact but substitutes a membership model based on the successful UCFW Health Care Task Force (HCTF) and Task Force on Investment and Retirement (TFIR). That model depends upon subject-matter experts who can serve for more than two years to provide the necessary expertise and continuity to meet the charge to "to review the mission and strategic objectives of the Division, and to consider issues related to the ANR budget, the Division's academic and capital planning, and the intersection of its academic and outreach missions."

ANR is typically treated as equivalent to a campus, in terms of authority delegated to the Vice President of ANR and in terms of autonomy. UCPB advises the Senate and the President concerning matters pertaining to planning and budget where the ten campuses are concerned; like other systemwide standing committees, UCPB depends on information sharing between the divisional corresponding committees and the systemwide committee. Absent a standing committee to perform the Senate's advisory role concerning budget within ANR, and to communicate its views and findings to the rest of the Senate, this task force can perform those functions where ANR is concerned, reporting to UCPB. The proposed restructuring achieves a better balance between at-large members with subject-matter expertise and ex officio members who may not have such expertise, one that is comparable to the membership of UCFW-TFIR, UCFW-HCTF, and the Academic Council Special Committee on Lab Issues (ACSCOLI).

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