

## **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

### **TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:**

#### **Responsibilities and Duties**

Pursuant to Senate Bylaw 150, the University Committee on Committees (UCOC) oversees the appointment of chairs and vice chairs for each of the standing committees of the Assembly; oversees the nomination of Senate members to serve on ad hoc or ongoing joint Senate-Administration committees and task forces, and sends letters of appointment to all appointees specifying term of the appointment and committee charge. UCOC met four times in 2021-22. All meetings were held via videoconference. Major issues and accomplishments are reported below.

#### **Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Senate's Standing Committees**

While being mindful of balance and representation among campuses, UCOC reviewed and approved chairs and vice chairs for standing committees for 2021-22. There were a few last-minute changes that had to be approved via email, and the UCEP vice chair position remains unfilled as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Two years ago, UCOC updated its process for choosing its own vice chair by asking current members to self-nominate for the position for the coming year. Two members expressed interest and were asked to submit statements of interest and qualifications. The current chair and vice chair spoke to both candidates and made the selection. UCOC members approved the incoming vice chair along with the slate of other proposed vice chairs for all committees.

#### **Appointment of members of Standing Committees**

The ten divisions nominated their representatives to standing committees and to the Assembly of the Academic Senate. Subsequently, UCOC issued appointment letters, which specified the term of appointment and the committee's charge.

#### **Appointment of members of Senate committees, subcommittees, or task forces within the systemwide Academic Senate**

- Editorial Committee – UCOC appointed four new members.
- UCFW Health Care Task Force (HCTF) – UCOC appointed five new members
- University Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction – UCOC appointed two new members

#### **Selection of Senate Representatives to Other Committees**

UCOC is responsible for selecting Senate representatives to various groups that are proposed by the President, Provost, or other senior administrators. UCOC nominated or reviewed nominations of representatives to serve on joint administration-Senate task forces, external councils, and other groups in 2021-22. These included:

- Knowledge Transfer Advisory Committee (KTAC)
- UC ANR Governing Council
- California Air Resources Board (CARB) Scientific Review Panel – three subject matter experts in each of three categories: 1) academic administration, 2) biostatistics, and 3) biochemistry/molecular biology

- Intersegmental Curriculum Work Group/Course Identification Numbering Project Advisory Committee
- President's Advisory Committee for Research in the Humanities
- Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee (SLASIAC)
- UCDC Academic Advisory Committee

### **Oliver Johnson Award**

UCOC reviewed nominations from the Divisions for the 2022 Oliver Johnson Award and forwarded two names to the Academic Council, per the award's guidelines. The Academic Council selected UC Riverside Emeritus Professor J. Daniel (Dan) Hare.

### **Expanding Participation in the Academic Senate**

At several meetings, UCOG members shared practices used by their campuses for expanding participation in Senate service, increasing diversity, and building leadership. Campus CoCs employ various techniques such as meeting with department chairs, interviewing committee chairs, other types of focused outreach, and matching junior faculty members with more senior colleagues. Some use or are considering incentives such as step acceleration or course releases.

### **Other UCOG Discussions**

- A representative from the UCOP Office of Research and Innovation joined the March 1<sup>st</sup> UCOG meeting to explain UC's legal requirement to nominate a minimum number of representatives to state-level review panels that the state relies on for expertise. This is part of UC's service to the state.
- UCOG received regular updates from the Academic Senate chair and vice chair about important issues facing the faculty and the university.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Nájera, UCOG Chair  
 Micah Perks, UCOG Vice Chair  
 Oliver Arnold (UCB)  
 Niels Grønbech-Jensen (UCD)  
 Lindsey Richland (UCI)  
 Reza Ahmadi (UCLA)  
 Martin Hagger (UCM)  
 Victor Ortego-Martí (UCR)  
 Gail Heyman (UCSD)  
 Lukejohn Day (UCSF)  
 Peter Sturman (UCSB)  
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 Robert Horwitz, (Council Chair, ex-officio)  
 Susan Cochran (Council Vice Chair, ex-officio)  
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