

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

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. In 2022-23, UCOC met three times via Zoom and once in person (with an option to join remotely). 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 2023-24. This year it was particularly challenging to find vice chairs for certain committees. In addition, due to varying circumstances, three Council committee chairs are continuing on as chair for a second term (UCEP, UCORP, and UCPB). There were a few late changes and selections that had to be approved by the committee via email, but all chair and vice chair positions for systemwide committees were filled as of September 5th.

Appointment of members of Standing Committees

The ten divisions nominated representatives to standing committees and to the Assembly of the Academic Senate. UCOC subsequently issued appointment letters to each division specifying the term of appointment and information regarding service on systemwide committees.

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

- ACSCOLI – Appointed four new members.
- Editorial Committee – Appointed nine new members.
- UCFW Health Care Task Force (HCTF) – Appointed two new members.
- UCFW Task Force on Investment and Retirement – Appointed three new members.
- University Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction – 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 2022-23. These included:

- UC ANR Governing Council
- UC Berkeley Chancellor Search Advisory Committee
- Education Financing Model (EFM) Steering Committee
- Shared Library Facilities Board (SLFB)

Academic Council Chairs Award for Mid-Career Leadership

UCOC reviewed nominations from the divisions for the 2023 Academic Council Chairs Award for Mid-Career Leadership and forwarded two names to the Academic Council, per the award's guidelines. The Academic Council selected UC Davis Professor Katheryn Russ and UC San Diego Professor Daniel Widener.

Expanding Participation in the Academic Senate

UCOC members continue to share practices used at the divisions for expanding participation in Senate service, increasing diversity, and building leadership. Many have difficulty filling Senate committees. Techniques to expand participation include having members of the division's Committee on Committees meet with department chairs to identify faculty who might be interested in Senate service, conduct interviews with committee chairs, and engage in other types of focused outreach. Some divisions match junior faculty members with more senior colleagues as informal mentors. Some use or are considering incentives such as direct compensation, step acceleration, or course releases.

Other UCOC Discussions

- UCOC began a discussion that will likely continue next year regarding criteria for serving on Divisional Committees on Academic Personnel (CAPs), particularly around whether non-Senate faculty are included.
- UCOC also briefly discussed questions around removing a committee member from a Senate committee.
- UCOC received regular updates from the Academic Senate chair and vice chair about important issues facing the faculty and the university.

Respectfully submitted:

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