



**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25**

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 2024-25, UCOC met three times via Zoom and once in person (with an option to join remotely). Major issues and actions taken 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 2025-26. All chair and vice chair positions for systemwide committees were filled as of June 16th.

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

- Editorial Committee (five appointments)
- Faculty AI Workgroup
- University Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction (UCRJ)

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 2024-25. These included:

- UC Presidential Search Academic Advisory Committee
- UC Riverside Chancellor Search Advisory Committee
- UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Search Advisory Committee
- Academic Planning Council Workgroup on a Systemwide Academic Calendar
- Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Advisory Committee
- President's Advisory Committee for Research in the Humanities (PACRH)
- President's Task Force on UC Black Thriving
- Systemwide Sustainability Steering Committee

Academic Council Chairs Award for Mid-Career Leadership

UCOC reviewed nominations from the divisions for the 2025 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 UCLA Professor Andrea Kasko and UC San Francisco Professor Steven Hetts.

Senate Service Engagement

- UCOC maintains a shared spreadsheet to compile campus “best practices” employed by the Senate divisions for engaging and rewarding faculty for Senate service.
- UCOC members gave feedback on a draft systemwide Senate service experience survey prepared by the systemwide Senate Office.
- Members noted that a compilation of compensation practices at the divisions would be useful for Senate offices (not for distribution).

Systemwide Senate Leadership Updates

UCOC received regular updates from the Academic Senate chair and vice chair about important issues facing the faculty and the university.

Respectfully submitted:

Robin Nabi, UCOC Chair (UCSB)
Oliver Arnold, UCOC Vice Chair (UCB)
Susanna Elm (UCB)
Joel Hass (UCD)
June Wu (UCI)
Abby Kavner (UCLA)
Lisa Yeo (UCM)
Francesca Hopkins (UCR)
Padmini Rangamani (UCSD)
Andreea Seritan (UCSF)
Amber Vanderwarker (UCSB)
Dean Mathiowetz (UCSC)
Steven Cheung (Academic Council Chair, ex-officio)
Ahmet Palazoglu (Academic Council Vice Chair, ex-officio)
Joanne Miller (Committee Analyst)