

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (UCOC)

ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

The University Committee on Committees (UCOC) is charged in Academic Senate Bylaw 150 to “appoint the Chairs and where specified in the Bylaws, the Vice Chairs and all appointed members of all other Senate committees that report to the Assembly.” This includes 16 of the 18 Senate committees with the exception of the Academic Council and UCOC. The Assembly elects the Chair and Vice Chair of the Assembly. UCOC nominates two members at-large to the Assembly, out of which its own Chair is appointed.

To fulfill its charge, UCOC held three meetings in Academic Year 2003-04: December 9, 2003, and February 11, March 9, 2004. The committee also held three teleconferences: October 3 and November 12, 2003, and April 20, 2004. Committee work was also conducted by email.

ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

UCOC began this year by identifying unfilled 2003-04 committee positions, including two UCLA Assembly representatives and one UCSF UCORP representative. In addition, UCOC appointed UCPB vice chair Michael Parrish, (UCSD) to replace Chair Richard Goodman, who passed away during the term, and Stan Glantz (UCSF) to vice chair. Both the chair and vice chair will continue through 04-05.

UCOC established appointment goals, including the achievement of a diverse overall balance within committees with respect to discipline and geographical representation. UCOC members agreed to act as liaison to two committees each and to initiate personal contact with each of their assigned chairs, vice chairs and committee members to identify significant issues and obtain input on potential new chairs and vice chairs. Procedures for appointing 2004-05 systemwide committees reflect recent revisions to Bylaw 128.

Members reported on their interactions with chairs and vice chairs in meetings and over email until a slate of candidates was developed. Members discussed all nominations, voted, and contacted the selected candidates after determining their willingness to serve. With the exception of a vice chair appointment for UCIE, UCOC completed systemwide appointments ahead of schedule, and a slate of committee chairs and vice chairs was presented to the Academic Assembly on May 12, 2004.

In addition to appointing chairs and vice chairs to systemwide committees, UCOC is responsible for appointing members to the Editorial Committee. In 2004-05, the Editorial Committee will align with the other committees to have a chair and vice chair rather than northern and southern co-chairs. In consultation with the Editorial Committee co-chairs and UC Press Director, members worked with their divisional committees to identify candidates with the requested disciplines to fill the Editorial Committee vacancies.

It is also the responsibility of divisional COC members to appoint representatives to the systemwide committees. It was agreed that UCOC members would work with their divisions to

identify candidates for these appointments by considering relevant experience and confirming the candidates' commitment and willingness to serve a full term.

OTHER BUSINESS

Searches. During this year, UCOC was asked by President Dynes to select nominees from campuses to be considered for selection on three search committees to replace the UCB Chancellor, UC Provost and Senior Vice President, and UCSC Chancellor. Members held teleconferences to discuss and select their nominees. Names were then forwarded to the president.

Oliver Johnson Award. The Oliver Johnson Award is presented every other year to an individual or individuals who have performed exemplary Senate service. Each local COC appointed one nominee and forwarded the names to UCOC. UCOC reviewed the nominees and selected two to be forwarded to the Academic Council. The Council, in most cases, selects one nominee from the two submitted. This year, the Council selected both nominees.