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**MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
DIVISION CHAIRS  
SYSTEMWIDE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Re: Nominations for 2020-2021 Vice Chair of the Academic Council**

Dear Colleagues:

I write seeking your help in identifying Senate members who might be interested in serving as Vice Chair of the Systemwide Academic Senate for 2020-2021. As you know, the position is of great importance for the University:

The Regents recognize that faculty participation in the shared governance of the University of California through the agency of the Academic Senate ensures the quality of instruction, research and public service at the University and protects academic freedom. ([UC Regents' Bylaw 40.1](#))

Shared governance has allowed the UC to become a/the leading university in the nation and around the world. Our involvement, as faculty, helps to stabilize the University in times of crisis, and simultaneously ensures that campus perspectives from the faculty are present in most discussions about governance of the university.

The Academic Senate Vice Chair serves as Vice Chair of the Academic Council, the Academic Assembly, and the Academic Senate, and also as a Faculty Representative to the Regents. The Vice Chair becomes Senate Chair the following year, which in this instance would be from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. The position is based at UCOP in Oakland.

In order to encourage participation in the nomination process and to promote general awareness of Senate leadership succession, I request that you distribute this invitation widely on your campuses. I ask that it be sent both to colleagues within the immediate circle of your Senate work and to members of respective divisions broadly.

The procedures are as follows:

**1. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a current or past Academic Council member.**

**2. Candidates must submit to Senate Executive Director Hilary Baxter ([Hilary.Baxter@ucop.edu](mailto:Hilary.Baxter@ucop.edu)) a one-page *curriculum vitae*, a one-page statement of challenges and priorities for the Senate, and a simple statement indicating a willingness to serve as Vice Chair and then Chair of the Academic Senate, if elected. Candidates should be aware that the position is a full-time assignment at the Office of the President in Oakland and the person would take office from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.**

**3. Candidates are urged to submit their materials by March 25, 2020.**

**4. Candidates must be able to attend the April 1, 2020 meeting of the Academic Council to make a brief presentation and to participate in an interview with Council members. The Academic Council will make its selection of a nominee at its April 1 meeting, and will forward its nomination to the Assembly for action at the Assembly's video meeting on April 15, 2020.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Happy new year and all the best for 2020.

Sincerely,



Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair  
Academic Council

Cc: Hilary Baxter, Executive Director, Academic Senate