THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AN ALUMNI’S GUIDE

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What is the Academic Senate?

- One part of the bicameral governance system of the UC
- Vehicle through which faculty share in the operation and management of the university
- Made up of
  - Ladder-rank Faculty
  - President, Chancellors, Deans, Provosts

STANDING ORDER 105.1 Organization of the Academic Senate
What does the Academic Senate do?

- Operates under the authority of the Board of Regents (Standing Order 105)
- Carries out the regent-entrusted oversight of the academic program
  - Authorizes, approves and supervises all courses
  - Determines conditions for admissions, certificates and degrees
  - Monitors quality of faculty

STANDING ORDER 105.2 Duties, Powers, and Privileges of the Academic Senate

- Participates in shared governance
Shared governance - what’s that?
UC Shared Governance: Factoids

- Distinctive element of the UC system
- Codified by UC Regents in 1920
- Recognizes that faculty are the drivers of the university
- Allows faculty, through the Academic Senate, to participate and share in the governance of the university
Senate
- Parliamentary
- Principal oversight of
  - Teaching
  - Scholarship
  - Service
- Advices chancellor on campus budgets
- Looks after faculty interests
- Collaborates with Chancellor and executive staff

Administration
- Executive
- Create and sustain a facilitative infrastructure
- $$$
  - Budget
  - Raise
  - Spend
- Hiring & Firing
- Collaborates with Senate Chair and Committees
Teaching

- Committee on Undergraduate Admission and Relations with Schools (CUARS)
- Undergraduate Council (UgC)
- Graduate Council
- Committee on Education Abroad
- Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
Scholarship

- Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)
- Council on Research (COR)
- Committee on Faculty Research Lectureship
- Committee on Teaching
- Committee on Library
Service

- Committee on Committees (ConC)
- Committee on Continuing and Community Education (CCCE)
Budget Planning

- Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)
**Faculty Interests**

- Grievance Advisory Committee
- Charges
- Committee on Privilege and Tenure
- Academic Freedom
- Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J)
- Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC)
- Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity (CODEO)
- Committee on University Emeriti and Pre-Retirement Relations
• Shared governance brings with it the responsibility of contributing to the community through service.

• Through involvement with the senate, faculty become part of the larger community
I do not know what your destiny will be, but the one thing I know: the only ones among you who will really be happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

-- Albert Schweitzer