

SHARED GOVERNANCE: WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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WELCOME TO A GREAT PLACE!

- UC has a strong tradition of shared governance
- **Our faculty have a powerful voice**
 - Divisional—Each UC Campus has their own Senate
 - Systemwide—Combined leadership from the 10 campuses
- Major Senate authorities:
 - **Determine the conditions for admission, certificates, and degrees**
 - **Supervise all courses and curricula**
 - **Approve a college or professional school curriculum**
- Major Senate opportunities:
 - **Advise on ANY MATTER pertaining to the conduct or welfare of the university**

**TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THE SCOPE OF
JUST THE UC DAVIS SENATE. . .**

35+ Davis Division Academic Senate Standing Committees

10 School and College
Faculties Executive
Committees

Academic Freedom & Responsibility
Admissions & Enrollment
Affirmative Action & Diversity
Committee on Committees
Courses of Instruction
Distinguished Teaching Awards
Elections Rules & Jurisdiction
Emeriti
Faculty Privilege/Academic Personnel
Advisers
Faculty Research Lecturer
Faculty Welfare
Grade Changes
Information Technology
International Education
Joint Personnel
Library
Research
Undergrad. Scholarships, Honors
& Prizes

Academic Personnel
Appellate Subcommittee
Oversight Subcommittee

Graduate Council
Academic Planning & Dev.
Administrative
Bylaws
Courses
Educational Policy
Grad. Student Support
Program Review
Grad Student & Post Doc
Welfare
Program Review Closure

Planning & Budget
Instructional Space

Privilege & Tenure
Investigative
Hearings

Undergraduate Council
General Education
Preparatory Education
Special Academic Prog.
Undergrad Instruction &
Prog. Review

Agricultural &
Environmental Sciences
Biological Sciences
Engineering
Letters & Science
Nursing
Grad. School of
Management
Education
Law
Medicine
Veterinary Medicine

SOME CURRENT ISSUES AND INITIATIVES

Systemwide:

- Audit of admissions processes
- Use of standardized admissions tests
- Evaluation of teaching
- Increasing faculty diversity
- Faculty salaries

University of California



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A graphic representation of the University of California logo. The words 'UNIVERSITY', 'OF', and 'CALIFORNIA' are stacked vertically in white, uppercase letters. Each word is contained within a blue rectangular box. The background is a light blue gradient with faint, overlapping geometric shapes.

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UC Davis Campus:

- Five-year assessment of Step Plus Merit and Promotion procedures
- Audit of UC Davis admissions and enrollment processes
- Prioritizing recommendations and next steps:
 - Special Committee on Evaluation of Teaching
- Continued consultation on recommendations from:
 - *To Boldly Go*: UC Davis Strategic Plan
 - Writing Task Force Report
 - Closing the Preparation Gap Task Force Report

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Respond to the Annual Call distributed via email in December
 - Appointments and re-appointments are conducted annually
 - We usually receive many more volunteers that can be placed, so we encourage faculty to apply again!
- Get involved in service at the department and college level

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

“The quality of this university is the quality of its faculty”

Clark Kerr, first Chancellor UCB, 12th President of UC

- You are now part of an amazing group of highly talented, inspiring colleagues

QUESTIONS?

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