Academic Senate at UCR

New Faculty Orientation

September 26, 2023
Welcome to the Academic Senate!

• Responsibilities of the Academic Senate
• Shared Governance
• Professional Life
• Voice of the Faculty
• Senate Service:
  • New senate members are not expected to have a lot of service
  • Respond to call for Senate service preference (Spring)
  • Service on the Riverside Division
  • Service on the Academic Council (UC systemwide senate)
Shared Governance

Shared governance is one of the distinctive features of the University of California.

- Board of Regents
- President
- Academic Senate
- Campuses/Chancellors
Academic Senate of the University of California

- Established with the creation of the university in 1868
- **Direct control over academic matters** of central importance to the University
  - (Delegated Authority for Academic Matters)
- **Advisory powers on all issues** relating to the mission of the university:
  - instruction, research and public service (Advice and Consultation)
Committees

https://senate.ucr.edu/committees

• Standing Committees
  • Academic Freedom
  • Academic Personnel (CAP)
  • Charges
  • Committees (COC)
  • Courses
  • Distinguished Campus Service
  • Distinguished Teaching
  • Educational Policy
  • Graduate Council
  • Grievance Consultation
  • Information Technology
  • International Education
  • Library & Scholarly Communication
  • Memorial Resolutions
  • Physical Resources Planning
  • Planning and Budget
  • Preparatory Education
  • Privilege and Tenure (P&T)
  • Research (COR)
  • Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J)
  • Scholarships and Honors
  • Undergraduate Admissions
  • University Extension

• Executive Committees: each college/school
  • College of Engineering
  • College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)
  • College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS)
  • Business School
  • School of Education
  • School of Medicine
  • School of Public Policy

Mirror Structure:
APO and CAP
Committees

Organization of the Academic Senate

Assembly of the Academic Senate

The Assembly of the Academic Senate is the highest authority in the University of California Academic Senate.

Academic Assembly Membership (60): President of the University; Chair & Vice Chair of the Assembly; Chairs of the ten campus Senate Divisions; Chairs of 8 UC Systemwide Committees: Educational Policy; Academic Personnel; Faculty Welfare; Graduate Affairs; Planning & Budget; BOARS; Research Policy; Affirmative Action, Diversity and Equity; and 40 Divisional Representatives, apportioned across the divisions based on an annual census of Senate faculty.

Academic Council

The Academic Council is the executive committee and administrative arm of the Assembly of the Academic Senate and acts in lieu of the Assembly on non-legislative matters. It meets monthly.

Academic Council Membership (20): Chair & Vice Chair of the Academic Council; Chairs of the ten Senate Divisions; and Chairs of 8 Systemwide Committees listed above.

Each UC campus is a Senate Division

- Berkeley
- Davis
- Irvine
- Los Angeles
- Merced
- Riverside
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz

The Chair of each Division is a member of the Academic Council.

UC Systemwide Standing Committees

- Academic Freedom (UCAF)
- Academic Personnel (UCAP)
- Affirmative Action, Diversity & Equity (UCAADE)
- Board of Admissions & Relations with Schools (BOARS)
- Committees UCOC
- Academic Computing & Communication (UCACC)
- Editorial (EDIT)
- International Education (UCIE)
- Educational Policy (UCEP)
- Faculty Welfare (UCFW)
- Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)
- Library & Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC)
- Planning & Budget (UCPB)
- Privilege & Tenure (UCPT)
- Research Policy (UCORP)
- Rules & Jurisdiction (UCRJ)
- Preparatory Education (UCOPE)
Senate for the New Faculty

● Help you set up for success

● Research: Senate Grants
  ○ [https://senate.ucr.edu/grants](https://senate.ucr.edu/grants)
  ○ Omnibus Grants: Travel Only (TO); Research and Travel Award (RTA) (CoR)
  ○ Committee on Research Grants

● Division Meetings: Exceptional in UC
  ○ Tuesdays 1-3 pm; December 5, 2023; February 27, 2024; May 21, 2024

● Senate Awards:
  ○ Faculty Research Lecturer
  ○ Distinguished Teaching Award
  ○ Mentorship Award