

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

## 1. TIME TO DESIGNATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICE IN 2021-22

The Academic Senate is a crucial partner in the shared governance of UC Davis and of the University of California at large. Serving on an Academic Senate committee is one of the most important ways for you to serve our campus and influence its direction. We ask each of you to consider volunteering for service for the 2021-22 year.

“Service is expected of all Senate faculty as part of shared governance and plays a significant role in the merit and promotion process. Faculty should engage in both university and professional or community service. Service at the professional and/or community level does not substitute for university service except in extraordinary circumstances. Expectations increase with rank and step. Faculty at the Full Professor rank, especially those in the ladder rank series, have expectations of substantial service balanced among department, campus, and national-professional contributions. At higher Full Professor steps (i.e., Professor Step 6.0 to Above Scale), significant leadership with respect to service contributions will be expected” - Committee on Academic Personnel, Oversight Subcommittee (CAP).

To be effective, the Academic Senate relies on the advice of balanced committees that represent the diversity of individuals and disciplines across campus. By serving on an Academic Senate committee, you have the opportunity to work alongside colleagues from outside your department, college, and school. You can expect this experience to broaden your view of UC Davis and the University of California.

The 2021-22 Preference of Service form is available here (click “Login” to enter your credentials): [https://asis.ucdavis.edu/committee\\_v2/volunteer.cfm](https://asis.ucdavis.edu/committee_v2/volunteer.cfm). Please submit your form by Tuesday, February 2, 2021. You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your form.

The form is interactive, permitting you to rank and submit your choices. All who are interested in serving, whether new volunteers or current committee members (who wish to be considered for reappointment), must submit the form. Please select at least five preferences for committee service, and please confirm via the checkbox on the form that you will be available to serve throughout the 2021-22 year. If you are interested in serving on any committee, you can select all committees on the

form, or you can leave a comment in the comments section indicating that you are open to service on any committee (please still rank your top five preferences).

The Committee on Committees will begin the outreach and selection process during the winter and spring quarters, and appointment letters will be distributed during the summer. All appointments are for one year in duration, with reappointments considered each year.

The effort we all expend through Academic Senate service deeply affects the future of UC Davis and the University of California. Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond and for your service to our campus and shared governance.

## **2. UC DAVIS STAFF EMERGENCY FUND**

Assistance is typically provided to a staff member whose income cannot cover their needs, or the employee has experienced a loss of wages through no fault of their own. Grants would typically be used to help with housing, utilities, food or transportation. Assistance can also be provided when employees with limited resources are faced with medical expenses or expenses related to the death of an immediate family member, or a change in family situation.

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## **3. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT (FD)**

The [UC Davis Health Faculty Development website](#) has been redesigned. You can find workshops and events under the OUR OFFERINGS tab or the CALENDAR tab. The registration process is quick and easy. We've also added an [ONLINE LEARNING](#) section. Many new workshops are currently being developed and will be offered over the next academic year.