THE UC & THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Chair of the UCR Academic Senate
The Faculty

• The Role of the faculty

• The Academic Senate as the organism though which faculty participates in the UC governance.
The UC mission

• Serve society as a center of higher learning

• Provide long-term benefits by
  – Transmitting advanced knowledge
  – Discovering new knowledge
  – Being an active repository of organized knowledge.

• UC fulfills its obligations through

  Education      Research      Public Service

“All activities are shaped and bounded by the central pervasive mission of discovering and advancing knowledge.”
Master plan for education

~1/8 of HS graduates
Primary research institution
PhD granting institution

~1/3 of HS graduates
MS granting institution

All HS graduates
2 year UG education
Vocational & remedial
UC administrative structure

- Regents
  - Senior VP: audit
  - Compliance
  - Chief Investment officer
  - General Counsel
  - Regents’ chief of staff

- President

- Chancellors
The Senate provides the framework enabling faculty to participate in the governance of the UC.

The faculty voice forms through a deliberative process that includes the committees & assemblies of the Senate.

The Senate consults with the administration both at the campus and system-wide levels.
Duties, Powers, and Privileges of the Academic Senate

- Determine conditions for admissions
- Determine conditions for degrees
- Recommend to the President degree candidates
- Authorize & supervise all courses & curricula
- Determine membership of faculties & councils
- Advice President & Chancellors on the budget, libraries & the UC press
- Can lay matters before the Regents (through the Senate Chair)
The structure of the Senate

Regents

Senate chair & vice chair

Acad. council & Acad. assembly

UCR Assembly

Executive council

Committees (26 standing)
Standing committees

Teaching
- Graduate Council
- Educational policy
- Courses
- Undergraduate admissions
- Preparatory education
- International education

Faculty interests
- Privilege & Tenure
- Charges
- Grievance Consultation panel
- Academic Freedom
- Faculty Welfare
- Diversity & Equal Opportunity
- Rules & Jurisdiction
Scholarship
- Academic Personnel
- Research
- Library & Scholarly Communication
- Academic Computing

Service
- Executive Committee
- Committee on Committees
- Planning & Budget
- University Extension
- Physical Resources Planning

+ 5 award committees
Senate & administration

Senate
- Teaching Scholarship Service
- Advice on budget
- Looks after faculty interests
- Collaborates with the administration

Administration
- Infrastructure
- Raise and spend funds
- Hires & fires
- Collaborates with the senate

Senate & administration
Welcome to UCR

Please consider serving on a Senate committee