“The quality of this university is the quality of its faculty” … Clark Kerr

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The Academic Senate consists, essentially, of tenure and tenure-track faculty members and select senior administrators of the University of California.
STANDING ORDER 105.1(A) OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

“The Academic Senate shall perform such duties as the Board may direct and shall exercise such powers as the Board may confer upon it. It may delegate to its divisions or committees, including the several faculties and councils, such authority as is appropriate to the performance of their respective functions.”
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENATE AS SET FORTH IN THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Academic Senate shall:

• determine the conditions for admission, for certificates, and for degrees.
• supervise all courses and curricula.
• have the right to lay before the Board, but only through the President, its views on any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of the University.
• determine its own membership as described in Regents Standing Order 105.1b.

The Academic Senate is authorized to:

• advise Chancellors concerning campus budgets and the President concerning the University budget.
• advise the President and the Chancellors concerning the administration of the libraries of the University.
• approve a college or professional school curriculum that has been submitted to the formal consideration of the faculty concerned.
• advise Chancellors on the appointment and promotion of tenured and tenure-track faculty members.
ORGANIZATION OF THE SYSTEMWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE

Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Director and Secretariat/Parliamentarian

Academic Council

Academic Assembly

Systemwide Committees

Ten Campus Divisional Senates
THE DIVISIONAL ACADEMIC SENATES

• Each of the ten campuses has a divisional Senate, with a legislative body (called the Representative Assembly at UC Davis), and an executive body (called the Executive Council at UC Davis).

• The Chair of each Division sits on the Academic Council, along with the Chairs of eight systemwide committees and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council.

• Legislation, both divisionally and systemwide, consists of Bylaws and Regulations.
HOW THE SENATE TOUCHES YOU

• Course and curricula approvals
• Personnel Process
• Awards
• Libraries (The Academic Senate is authorized to advise the President and the Chancellors concerning the administration of the libraries of the University.)
• Official advice concerning budget, organizational structure
• Faculty welfare
• Academic freedom
• Information sharing and advice
• Official Academic Senate representation (participation in senior administrator recruitment, senior administrator review, etc.)

Get Involved!
SAMPLING OF CURRENT ISSUES

Systemwide:
- Total Remuneration for Faculty
- University-industry relationships
- Enrollment Management

Campus
- Step-Plus implementation & campus equity review process
- Faculty undergraduate advising
- Constructive communication in the spirit of shared governance.
IMPORTANT WEB SITES:

• Davis Division of the Academic Senate:
  • http://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/
  • http://asis.ucdavis.edu/

• Systemwide Academic Senate:
  • http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/

• Board of Regents
  • http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/