

UC DAVIS: Academic Senate

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Members of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate

Dear Colleagues:

The annual call for volunteers for service on committees of the Academic Senate is available on the Academic Senate website at [http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/committee\\_volunteer\\_form.cfm](http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/committee_volunteer_form.cfm) and is **due by January 16, 2007**. Most of you know that the Academic Senate is a critical, primary partner in the governance of the University with distinct authority under the standing orders of the Board of Regents. We accept this distinction as a privilege and responsibility, and have organized the Academic Senate into standing committees consonant with the authorities and responsibilities delegated by the Board of Regents. The Senate is also proactive in offering advice to the Administration in their areas of responsibility.

The purpose of this memo is to ask for your assistance in Academic Senate operations. Our effectiveness is directly related to sound advice from balanced committees fairly representing the breadth of the campus. Although University and Public Service are required activities of faculty members, we think you will find the experience of working alongside colleagues from outside your department, college or school both rewarding and stimulating--an opportunity to gain a broader view of the whole body of the campus and university system. We would like to ask each and every one of you to consider serving in some capacity.

In March, you will receive another memo asking for nominations of members of the Academic Senate to serve on the Committee on Committees. That committee is the only standing committee of the Academic Senate that is elected, whereas all other committees are appointed by the Committee on Committees. At this time, please accept the invitation to volunteer for service on a committee of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. The form is interactive, allowing you to rank your preference of committees and submit on line, and is located on the Academic Senate web page at [http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/committee\\_volunteer\\_form.cfm](http://www.mrak.ucdavis.edu/senate/committee_volunteer_form.cfm) . Please take a moment to visit the web page and volunteer before the **January 16, 2007 deadline**.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Flocchini, Chair  
Committee on Committees

Linda F. Bisson, Chair  
Academic Senate, Davis Division