

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Information provided by the Davis Division of the Academic Senate of the University of California

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What is the Academic Senate planning to do?

A meeting of the Representative Assembly will be held Friday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. in a location to be determined. The [agenda](#) is posted online.

Who may participate in the Representative Assembly?

All members of the Academic Senate shall have the privilege of attendance and the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Representative Assembly. Only members of the Representative Assembly may make motions, second motions and vote.

Who can vote?

Members of the Representative Assembly can vote. Voting members include:
One Departmental Representative for each academic department (or equivalent administrative unit) composed of 13 or more voting members of the Davis Division; the chair of each Faculty of a college or school, and one committee representative from each standing committee of the Davis Division.

Who is my department's representative to the Representative Assembly?

Please see the Academic Senate Representative Assembly website:

http://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/representative_assembly/index.html.

Click on "Department Representatives" under the "2015-2017 Representative Assembly Membership" section.

Is absentee voting allowed?

Absentee voting is not allowed.

Who is entitled to substitute for a regular representative?

An elected alternate Representative is permitted in the absence of the elected representative.

Bylaw 34.D: " A Departmental Representative unable to attend a meeting of the Representative Assembly shall notify in advance both the Secretary of the Division and, if there is one, the first alternate Representative for that department. Any alternate representative unable to attend the meeting when requested should inform the Secretary and, if there is one, the alternate next in priority."

Substitute Committee Representatives are permitted.

Bylaw 34.F: "A Committee Representative who is unable to attend a meeting of the Representative Assembly shall notify the chair of the committee in advance of the meeting."

The Vice Chair may represent a Faculty Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair.

Bylaw 34.A:

"Whenever the elected chair of the Faculty of a college or school is temporarily unable to serve, the vice chair may serve in his or her stead."

Are there time limits for debate?

Time limits may be set by a two-thirds vote of Assembly members present and voting.