

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SAN DIEGO DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**
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NOTICE OF MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Garren Auditorium, [Biomedical Sciences Building](#), 1st Floor

If you are an Academic Senate member who is not part of the Representative Assembly but would like to attend the meeting, please email the Academic Senate Office to RSVP at academicsenateoffice@ucsd.edu.

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REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP - 2024/2025 Roster

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VICE CHANCELLOR, MARINE SCIENCES	LEINEN, MARGARET S
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CHAIR, UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL	SCHURMEIER, KIMBERLY
CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES	SIEGEL, PAUL H
CHAIR, DIVERSITY & EQUITY	SINHA, SHANTANU
CHAIR, DIVERSITY & EQUITY	FRANK, ROSS
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CHAIR, PLANNING & BUDGET	GAASTERLAND, THERESA
CHAIR, GRADUATE COUNCIL	GILLE, SARAH T
CHAIR, FACULTY WELFARE	MERCIER, PATRICK PHILIP
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SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY	CABALLERO HERNANDEZ, GABRIELA

ELECTED MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

	<u>PRIMARY MEMBERS</u>		<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>	
SAN DIEGO DIVISION	ALPERIN, MARIANNA	2025/2026		
	ORTONY, JULIA HELEN	2025/2026		
MARSHALL COLLEGE	FRANO PEREIRA, ALEX M	2024/2025	SOLOMON AMORAO, AMANDA	2024/2025
	XU, SHENG	2025/2026	STALLINGS, DONTARIE M	2025/2026
MUIR COLLEGE	SAIER, MILTON H	2024/2025	KURLE, CAROLYN M	2024/2025
REVELLE COLLEGE	LEIGH, BRIAN S	2024/2025	DEMETRIOU, DENISE	2025/2026
	QI, HUIHUI	2025/2026	VAN GENDEREN, MONIQUE	2024/2025
ROOSEVELT COLLEGE	GRANT, BARRY J	2025/2026	GOLDMAN, HARVEY STERN	2025/2026
	SUN, YIXIAO	2025/2026	WONG, TAK KEI	2025/2026
SIXTH COLLEGE	NI, LEI	2024/2025	IOANA, ADRIAN	2024/2025
WARREN COLLEGE	ELGIN, SAMUEL ZINCKE	2024/2025	CONTIJOCH, FRANCISCO	2024/2025
	ZHANG, DANNA	2024/2025		
EMERITUS FACULTY	HUNEFELDT, CHRISTINE	2025/2026	BUTLER, MADELINE	2025/2026
SEVENTH COLLEGE	DRESSER, MARK	2025/2026	ARCOS HERRERA, CAROL	2024/2025
	SCHMIDT, THOMAS RAINER	2024/2025	RAVANILLA, NICO MASULIT	2025/2026
ANESTHESIOLOGY	HEAD, BRIAN PATRICK	2025/2026	MARSALA, MARTIN	2025/2026
ANTHROPOLOGY	BRENNER, SUZANNE A	2025/2026	FOX, KEOLU	2025/2026
ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS	BURGASSER, ADAM J	2024/2025	DIAMOND, PATRICK H	2024/2025
BIOENGINEERING	FRALEY, STEPHANIE I	2024/2025	MCVEIGH, ELLIOT R	2024/2025
CELL & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY	HAMPTON, RANDOLPH Y	2025/2026	AKBARI, OMAR S	2024/2025
	ZHAO, YUNDE	2024/2025	HUI, ENFU	2025/2026
CELLULAR & MOLECULAR MEDICINE	ESKO, JEFFREY D	2025/2026	DOWDY, STEVEN F	2025/2026
CHEMICAL AND NANO ENGINEERING	FULLERTON, ERIC	2025/2026	CHEN, SHAOCHEN	2025/2026
	LIU, PING	2025/2026	DREWS, AARON	2025/2026
CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY	SCHIMPF, ALINA M	2025/2026	ORTONY, JULIA HELEN	2024/2025
	TAUBER, MICHAEL J	2024/2025	SCHMIDT, VALERIE A	2025/2026
COGNITIVE SCIENCE	FLEISCHER, JASON	2024/2025	XIA, HAIJUN	2024/2025
COMMUNICATION	FIELDS, GARY	2025/2026	ALAC, MORANA	2025/2026
CSE	JHALA, RANJIT	2024/2025		
	KASTNER, RYAN	2024/2025		
	ROSING, TAJANA SIMUNIC	2025/2026		

DERMATOLOGY	SEN, GEORGE L	2024/2025	DORSCHNER, ROBERT A	2024/2025
ECE	BAGHDADCHI, SAHARNAZ	2024/2025	HALL, DREW A	2024/2025
	LE, HANH-PHUC	2024/2025	LOMAKIN, VITALIY	2024/2025
	ZHANG, XINYU	2024/2025		
ECOLOGY, BEHAVIOR & EVOLUTION	HOLWAY, DAVID A	2025/2026	SHURIN, JONATHAN B	2025/2026
ECONOMICS	MA, XINWEI	2024/2025	ECKERT, FABIAN PAUL	2024/2025
	MURALIDHARAN, KARTHIK	2025/2026	NIEHAUS, PAUL	2025/2026
EDUCATION STUDIES	CLARKE, SHERICE NICOLE	2025/2026	EGUCHI, AMY	2025/2026
EIGHTH COLLEGE	YAPP, HENTYLE T	2024/2025	AL-DELAIMY, WAEL	2024/2025
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	LINDHOLM, KARL PETER	2025/2026	KRESHAK, ALLYSON A	2025/2026
ETHNIC STUDIES	PATEL, SHAISTA	2024/2025	OKONKWO, HOLLY	2024/2025
FAMILY MEDICINE	ALLISON, MATTHEW AUBREY	2024/2025	TAI-SEALE, MING	2024/2025
GLOBAL POLICY AND STRATEGY	JIA, RUIXUE	2025/2026	HANDLEY, KYLE LANGE	2025/2026
	VICTOR, DAVID GARDINER	2025/2026	THOMAS, JAKANA L	2025/2026
HALICIOGLU DATA SCIENCE INST	BELKIN, MIKHAIL	2024/2025	MAZUMDAR, ARYA	2024/2025
HISTORY	BIESS, FRANK PETER	2025/2026		
	COWAN, BENJAMIN A	2025/2026		
HWSPH	PRATT, MICHAEL	2024/2025	MARQUEZ, BECKY	2024/2025
LINGUISTICS	DUDLEY, RACHEL	2025/2026	WARSTADT, ALEXANDER	2025/2026
LITERATURE	MYERSTON SANTANA, JACOBO	2024/2025	CHACON, GLORIA ELIZABETH	2025/2026
	WILKINSON, MARCO	2025/2026	KALLERES, DAYNA S	2024/2025
MAE	BEG, FARHAT N	2024/2025	AREFIEV, ALEXEY	2025/2026
	BOECHLER, NICHOLAS SEBASTIAN	2025/2026	CORTES, JORGE	2024/2025
	QI, HUIHUI	2024/2025	ROSENGREN, AARON J	2024/2025
MATHEMATICS	MEYER, DAVID A	2025/2026	SPOLAOR, LUCA	2024/2025
	MOHAMMADI, AMIR	2024/2025	VERSTRAETE, JACQUES BAUDOUIN ALLAN	2025/2026
	OPREA, DRAGOS N	2025/2026	WARNKE, LUTZ	2025/2026
MEDICINE	CHENG, GEORGE ZHI	2025/2026	ECKMANN, LARS	2025/2026
	SINGH, SIDDHARTH	2025/2026	IX, JOACHIM H	2025/2026
	TORRIANI, FRANCESCA	2025/2026	MESIROV, JILL P	2025/2026
MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	DAVID, MICHAEL	2025/2026		
	LYKKE-ANDERSEN, JENS	2025/2026		
MUSIC	MCCORMACK, TIMOTHY	2025/2026	CAETANO, MARCELO	2025/2026
	SMYTHE, CORY	2025/2026	ROBERTS, MATANA	2024/2025

NEUROBIOLOGY	LEUTGEB, STEFAN	2025/2026	REINAGEL, PAMELA	2024/2025
	SU, CHIH-YING	2024/2025		
NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY	MURTHY, NIKHIL KRISHNA	2025/2026	BEAUMONT, THOMAS LA MAR	2025/2026
NEUROSCIENCES	HALGREN, ERIC	2024/2025	KOFFLER, YACOV	2024/2025
	PIERCE, KAREN L	2024/2025	STERNSON, SCOTT MICHAEL	2024/2025
OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY, & REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCES	SCHLAEPFER, DAVID D	2025/2026	MEADOWS, AUDRA ROBERTSON	2025/2026
OPHTHALMOLOGY	LIU, CATHERINE YUNXIANG	2025/2026	RUDELL, JOLENE CHANG	2025/2026
ORTHOPAEDICS	SHAHIDI, BAHAR	2025/2026	SANCHEZ-LOPEZ, ELSA	2025/2026
OTOLARYNGOLOGY	YAN, CAROL HANLU	2025/2026	HOM, DAVID BRIAN	2025/2026
PATHOLOGY	FERGUSON, COLE JOHN	2024/2025	CARLIN, AARON FOSTER	2025/2026
	SONCIN, FRANCESCA	2025/2026	STELZER, INA	2024/2025
PEDIATRICS	JAFFRAY, JULIE ANN	2025/2026	BODE, LARS	2025/2026
	MESTAN, KAREN KIM LARNE	2025/2026	SPECTOR, STEPHEN A	2025/2026
PHARMACOLOGY	JOINER, WILLIAM J	2024/2025	DANEMAN, RICHARD	2024/2025
PHILOSOPHY	FULKERSON, MATTHEW TODD	2025/2026	SHER, GILA	2025/2026
	LAMEY, ANDY M	2025/2026	SHIELDS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN	2025/2026
PHYSICS	GRINSTEIN, BENJAMIN	2024/2025	FULLER, GEORGE MICHAEL	2025/2026
	INTRILIGATOR, KENNETH A	2025/2026	KOSLOVER, ELENA	2024/2025
	YAGIL, AVI	2025/2026	LIN, TONGYAN	2025/2026
POLITICAL SCIENCE	STOUT, CHRISTOPHER	2025/2026	HILL, SETH J	2024/2025
	WIENS, DAVID	2024/2025	HOSTON, GERMAINE A	2025/2026
PSYCHIATRY	LEE, ELLEN EUN-OK	2025/2026	CADENHEAD, KRISTIN S	2024/2025
	MOORE, RAEANNE CRISTINE	2025/2026	JAK, AMY J	2025/2026
	TWAMLEY, ELIZABETH W	2024/2025	WIERENGA, CHRISTINA E	2025/2026
PSYCHOLOGY	BAMBAH-MUKKU, DHANANJAY	2025/2026	MILLER, CORY	2025/2026
	PILEGARD, CELESTE CRISTINE	2024/2025	WALKER, CAREN MICHELLE	2024/2025
RADIATION MEDICINE & APPLIED SCIENCES	MCDONALD, CARRIE R	2024/2025	BANEGAS, MATTHEW PATRICK	2024/2025
RADIOLOGY	CHENG, KAREN YIK TING	2025/2026	EL KAFFAS, AHMED	2025/2026
	LIU, THOMAS TAO-MING	2025/2026	LOEHFELM, THOMAS W	2025/2026
RADY SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	LIU, JUN	2025/2026	ENGELBERG, JOSEPH E	2025/2026
	ZHU, KEVIN	2025/2026	SAMEK, ANYA	2024/2025
SIO	FAN, WENYUAN	2024/2025	KACEV, DAVID	2024/2025
	MORZFELD, MATTHIAS	2024/2025	LUTSKO, NICHOLAS	2024/2025
	SIEGELMAN, LIA	2024/2025		

SOCIOLOGY	SHAFIR, GERSHON	2025/2026	GOLDMAN, HARVEY STERN	2025/2026
	SUTTON, APRIL MARIE	2025/2026	LAMPLAND, MARTHA	2025/2026
SSPPS	O'DONOGHUE, ANTHONY JOHN	2025/2026	PATEL, NIMISH	2025/2026
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING	PALERMO, ALESSANDRO	2025/2026	SEMNANI, SHABNAM J	2025/2026
SURGERY	CHEN, YUAN	2025/2026	JACOBSEN, GARTH ROSS	2025/2026
	LOWY, ANDREW M	2025/2026	KOBAYASHI, LESLIE M	2025/2026
	MADANI, MICHAEL M	2025/2026	KOLB, FREDERIC JEROME GEORGES	2025/2026
THEATRE & DANCE	BUESCHER, STEPHEN W	2024/2025	BARRICELLI, MARC ALEXANDER	2024/2025
	GUIRGUIS, MARK CHRISTOPHER	2024/2025	STALLING, VANESSA	2024/2025
URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING	ANDREWS, ABIGAIL L	2024/2025	LERNER, AMY M	2024/2025
UROLOGY	ANGER, JENNIFER TASH	2025/2026	BAGRODIA, ADITYA	2025/2026
VISUAL ARTS	AKTEN, MEHMET	2024/2025	GARNETT, MARIAH J	2024/2025
	ERDMANN, DEAN	2024/2025	SEGADE, ALEXANDRO ABRAHAM	2024/2025

ADVISORS

	<u>PRIMARY MEMBERS</u>		<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>	
RESEARCH ADVISOR - GC	DELORME, ARNAUD	2025/2026	ORLOV, DMITRIY	2025/2026
RESEARCH ADVISOR - SIO	SPRINTALL, JANET	2025/2026	DEANE, GRANT	2025/2026
RESEARCH ADVISOR - HS	DEBNATH, ANJAN	2025/2026		
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISOR	VALLEJO-AVILA, LESLIE	2025/2026		
	YALAMARTY, RISHI	2025/2026		

**SAN DIEGO DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
February 18, 2025 Minutes¹**

Chair Graeve called the meeting to order. A quorum was present (see attached attendance sheet), along with other Academic Senate members and advisors. Chair Graeve welcomed everyone to the third Representative Assembly meeting of the 2024-2025 academic year and introduced Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction Chair Steven Constable and UC San Diego Parliamentarian Harry Powell. Chair Graeve reviewed the Academic Senate Bylaws governing Representative Assembly membership, privileges of the floor, as well as parliamentary and voting procedures for this meeting.

Chair Graeve noted that when the floor is open for discussion on the two Memorials to the Regents (agenda items 14a and 14b), attendees who wished to speak for or against the measures would line up in two separate lines when prompted. Chair Graeve asked that all speaker comments be concise and directly related to the current topic or motion at hand to allow everyone a chance to contribute to the discussion. Chair Graeve explained that there are two stages to the Memorial process. This is the first stage where all the Divisional Senates are asked if they support the measures proposed by UC San Francisco's Divisional Senate. If one or both measures are passed by at least three of the UC campus Senates representing at least 35% of the total Senate membership, there will be a second round of voting. In the second round, the passed measures are sent to the entire membership of the UC Academic Senate for a vote. Per San Diego Divisional Bylaws, Representative Assembly can act on the motions and the outcome of Assembly's vote could be reported to the Systemwide Senate as the decision of the San Diego Divisional Academic Senate for this first round. Chair Graeve received questions in advance of this meeting about the process to send the measures out for a vote of the entire San Diego Senate membership during this first stage. To do so, Representative Assembly must first vote on each measure. There may then be a motion to submit the question to a ballot of the full San Diego Divisional Senate. It passes if approved by at least one-third of voting members that are present. If Representative Assembly refers the Memorials to a vote of the entire Senate membership, an electronic ballot would be sent to all San Diego Senate members by early March. The outcome of that vote would supersede Assembly's action and be reported as the San Diego Senate outcome.

Minutes of the Meeting on January 14, 2025

The January 14, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

¹ An appendix is attached of the motions recognized during the meeting and the votes taken on those motions. The vote counts are not recorded in the minutes but are included in the appendix. Reference numbers were added in the minutes to the main motions and procedural motions presented during the meeting for clarification purposes.

Announcements by the Chair of the Division

Chair Olivia Graeve introduced Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) President Jai'lyn Richardson.

Chair Graeve noted that a [message](#) was sent to all Senate faculty on February 12 that contained a variety of information and updates.

Chancellor Pradeep Khosla Remarks

Chancellor Khosla reported that at the state level, the deferral of UC's compact funding plus an approximately 8% budget cut is anticipated. These budget cuts will result in significant reductions in higher education funding. In addition to several executive orders and funding agency staffing cuts that profoundly impact higher education, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced a significant policy change, imposing a 15% cap on indirect cost reimbursements (IDC) for Facility and Administration costs associated with research grants, all of which will lead to additional budget deficits for the campus. Chancellor Khosla noted that is a fast-moving and complex situation with wide-ranging implications for the campus, regional economy and workforce, and higher education overall. The UC San Diego Administration is actively monitoring the evolving regulatory landscape and is taking steps to stabilize the situation and mitigate the financial impact to the campus. Chancellor Khosla reaffirmed the campus' commitment and his commitment to equitable and inclusive opportunities and support for staff, faculty and students.

Academic Support Model Update

Elizabeth H. Simmons, Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Marie Carter-Dubois, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Finance & Administration
Sorin Lerner, Chair, Department of Computer Science & Engineering
Adam Diproffio, Director, Budget & Financial Management

EVC Simmons reported that a 2024 Academic Support Model (ASM) Task Force proposed the creation of a new ASM model. Academic Affairs is currently working towards implementing this new model in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. EVC Simmons emphasized the commitment to addressing any challenges that may arise during the transition and assured Assembly that the process will be transparent, keeping all stakeholders informed every step of the way. EVC Simmons introduced Adam Diproffio, Director, Budget & Financial Management to present information on the ASM.

Mr. Diproffio reported that the ASM outlines a new approach to distributing funds to schools within the university. The previous model was criticized for being too complex, opaque, and overly prescriptive, with seven distinct sub-models that made it challenging for schools to strategically plan and deploy resources. In contrast, the proposed ASM features a simplified, one-model approach that establishes a baseline, capturing existing workload and allocations, and introduces revenue sharing for future growth. The new model aims to provide schools with more

control and flexibility, allowing them to make strategic decisions and better align budgetary decisions with their academic mission. The ASM also prioritizes transparency, requiring schools to establish clear methodologies for distributing resources and creating communication plans to keep stakeholders informed, with the ASM Assessment and Advisory Committee monitoring metrics and aligning funding to ensure accountability.

See page 1 of the presentation slides.

Special Orders

Consent Calendar

2024-25 Distinguished Teaching Awards Nominations

This item was deferred to the April 15, 2025 Representative Assembly meeting.

Reports of Special Committees [None]

Reports of Standing Committees [None]

Reports of Faculties [None]

Petitions of Students [None]

Unfinished Business [None]

New Business

a. Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents

Chair Graeve introduced Vice Chair Plant and directed meeting attendees to the meeting materials on page 69. A slide with reference links relevant to this agenda item was shown on the screen and was also posted to the Senate's website [attachment 1].

Vice Chair Plant reported that the UCSF Divisional Senate submitted a proposed Memorial to the UC Board of Regents to extend Academic Senate membership to individuals appointed in the Adjunct Professor series at more than 50% time. The Memorial is currently undergoing its first round of review and approval, with all ten Divisions reviewing it, and will proceed to a second round if approved by at least three Divisions representing 35% of UC Academic

Senate membership. Prior to the Representative Assembly meeting, Chair Graeve hosted two Town Halls to discuss the Memorial, during which several key points were clarified, including that Senate membership is only proposed for salaried Adjunct Professors with 50% or greater commitment to UC San Diego, and that Adjunct Professors are evaluated based on the same criteria as Ladder Rank and In Residence series faculty, with flexibility in their contributions to research, teaching, and service. The Memorial's potential impact on the Academic Senate's organization, peer review process, and research funding will need to be addressed if the measure passes.

Vice Chair Plant read the Memorial for the record.

Chair Graeve noted that per Systemwide Bylaw 90 on Memorials, the San Diego Division may vote to approve, to disapprove, or to decline to act, but may not amend the proposal as submitted. She then invited a motion to consider the Memorial.

Professor Juan Pablo Pardo Guerra made the following motion and it was seconded.

Main motion (11a): Approve the UCSF Divisional Senate's Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents.

Chair Graeve opened the floor to discussion and questions of the motion and asked those who wished to speak for the motion to line up on the left side of the room and those who wished to speak against the motion to line up on the right side of the room.

Discussion:

- Arguments in favor of the motion focused on the substantial contributions that Adjunct Professors make to the campus, as well as their stake in university-wide issues, warranting their representation in the Senate.
- Arguments against the motion focused on concerns that including Adjunct Professors in the Senate would lead to a disproportionate representation of Health Sciences, alter the overall composition of the UC faculty, and potentially neglect other academic series from inclusion, noting that alternative solutions are available to strengthen engagement with Adjunct Professors.

Questions

- None

Chair Graeve called for Representative Assembly members to vote on the motion to approve the Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents.

- Vote outcome: The motion was not approved; it did not meet the majority vote requirement to pass.

Professor Marianna Alperin made the following motion, in accordance with SD Senate Bylaw 82, and it was seconded.

Procedural Motion (p11a): Submit the UCSF Divisional Senate’s Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents to an electronic ballot of the full Division.

No discussion was required for the procedural motion (p11a). Chair Graeve called for Representative Assembly members to vote on the motion to submit the UCSF Divisional Senate’s Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents to an electronic ballot of the full Division (p11a).

- The motion did not receive the votes required to proceed per SD Senate Bylaw 82 (more than one-third of Representative Assembly members present and voting).

b. Health Sciences Clinical Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents

Chair Graeve introduced Vice Chair Plant and directed meeting attendees to the meeting materials on page 85. A slide with reference links relevant to this agenda item was shown on the screen and was also posted to the Senate’s website [attachment 1].

Vice Chair Plant reported that the UCSF Divisional Senate submitted a proposed Memorial to the UC Board of Regents to extend Academic Senate membership to individuals appointed in the Health Sciences Clinical Professor series at more than 50% time. The Memorial is currently undergoing its first round of review and approval, with all ten Divisions reviewing it, and will proceed to a second round if approved by at least three Divisions representing 35% of UC Academic Senate membership. Prior to the Representative Assembly meeting, Chair Graeve hosted two Town Halls to discuss the Memorial, during which several points of clarification were highlighted, including that performance criteria for the Health Sciences Clinical Professor series is defined in APM 278, with a primary emphasis on direct patient care services and clinical teaching, and that appointees in this series are reviewed by the School of Medicine’s Committee on Academic Personnel (SOMCAP), rather than the Senate’s Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP). In the Town Halls, it was also noted that Health Sciences Clinical Professors are currently eligible for Senate research grants. The Memorial’s potential impact on the Academic Senate’s organization, peer review process, and research funding will need to be addressed if the measure passes.

Vice Chair Plant read the Memorial for the record.

Chair Graeve noted that per Systemwide Bylaw 90 on Memorials, the San Diego Division may vote to approve, to disapprove, or to decline to act, but may not amend the proposal as submitted. She then invited a motion to consider the Memorial.

Professor Juan Pablo Pardo Guerra made the following motion and it was seconded.

Main motion (11b): Approve the UCSF Divisional Senate’s Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents.

Chair Graeve opened the floor to discussion and questions of the motion and asked those who wished to speak for the motion to line up on the left side of the room and those who wished to speak against the motion to line up on the right side of the room.

Discussion:

- Arguments in favor of the motion focused on the substantial contributions of Health Sciences Clinical Professors to the university, the impact that Senate decisions have on them, and the importance of their inclusion in the Senate for shared governance, highlighting that their exclusion could be viewed as "taxation without representation" and that their participation would bring unique perspectives and enhance diversity in the faculty decision-making processes.
- Arguments against the motion focused on the suggestion that Health Sciences should review how their clinical faculty engage with the governance structure in place in the Health Sciences, rather than expanding the systemwide Academic Senate, and that alternative solutions such as increasing the local cap on the Professor of Clinical X series or allowing faculty to transfer to that series could better address the needs of clinical faculty.

Questions

- None

Chair Graeve called for Representative Assembly members to vote on the motion to approve the UCSF Divisional Senate's Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents.

- Vote outcome: The motion was not approved; it did not meet the majority vote requirement to pass.

Professor Marianna Alperin made the following motion, in accordance with SD Senate Bylaw 82, and it was seconded.

Procedural Motion (p11b): Submit the UCSF Divisional Senate's Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents to an electronic ballot of the full Division.

No discussion was required for the procedural motion (p11b). Chair Graeve called for Representative Assembly members to vote on the motion to submit the UCSF Divisional Senate's Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents to an electronic ballot of the full Division (p11b).

- The motion did not receive the votes required to proceed per SD Senate Bylaw 82 (more than one-third of Representative Assembly members present and voting).

Chair Graeve adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by Jenna Coomer, Senior Senate Analyst.

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 Motion and Voting Outcomes Appendix

Motion Category	Specific Motion/Resolution	Who Made the Motion	Vote	Outcome (threshold for approval)
Main Motion Agenda Item 11a	Motion to approve the UCSF Divisional Senate's Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents.	Juan Pablo Pardo Guerra	Yes: 33 No: 65 Abstain: 1	Not Approved (majority)
Procedural Motion (p11a)	Motion to submit the UCSF Divisional Senate's Adjunct Faculty Series Academic Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents to an electronic ballot of the full Division.	Marianna Alperin	Yes: 30 No: 68 Abstain: 3	Not Approved (1/3 RA members present & voting)
Main Motion Agenda Item 11b	Motion to approve the UCSF Divisional Senate's Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents.	Juan Pablo Pardo Guerra	Yes: 28 No: 61 Abstain: 2	Not Approved (majority)
Procedural Motion (p11b)	Motion to submit the UCSF Divisional Senate's Health Sciences Clinical Professor Series Senate Membership Memorial to the Regents to an electronic ballot of the full Division.	Marianna Alperin	Yes: 26 No: 59 Abstain: 3	Not Approved (1/3 RA members present & voting)

Reference Links

Topic	Reference Link
Memorial text and arguments for and in opposition to the Memorial	Pages 72-84 (Adjunct) and 85-100 (HS Clinical Professor) of the February 18 Representative Assembly meeting materials
Argument Summary for expanding Academic Senate membership (submitted by UCSF with the Memorials)	Page 75 of the February 18 Representative Assembly meeting materials
Current Academic Senate membership	Page 4 of the San Diego Town Hall Summary Presentation
Overview of the Memorial Process	Pages 5-7 of the San Diego Town Hall Summary Presentation
Health Sciences Faculty Series Informational Presentation	Pages 10-21 of the January 14 Representative Assembly meeting presentations
Similarities and differences between Professor of Clinical X and HS Clinical series	Pages 18-19 of the January 14 Representative Assembly meeting presentations
Details of Adjunct Faculty in Health Sciences	Page 14 of the January 14 Representative Assembly meeting presentations
Systemwide Adjunct Professor Series Policy	APM 280
Systemwide Health Sciences Clinical Series Policy	APM 278

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Academic Support Model

Updates

Academic Affairs Support Model History

-  Prior to 2015 – Incremental Budgeting
-  2015 – Implementation of Divisional Support Model (Academic Support Model)
-  Assessment expected every 3-5 years
-  2020 – UCPath, Oracle, Covid & Budget reductions
-  2022 & 2023 Preliminary conversations around updating model
-  2023 & 2024 Creation of multiple ASM task forces & workgroups

Why now?

- Schools have long requested more control and flexibility in how the money is distributed.
- Schools need the tools to be able to adapt to changing landscape quickly.
- Schools need to be able to better strategically plan resource needs to satisfy the academic mission.



ASM Design and Consultation Timeline



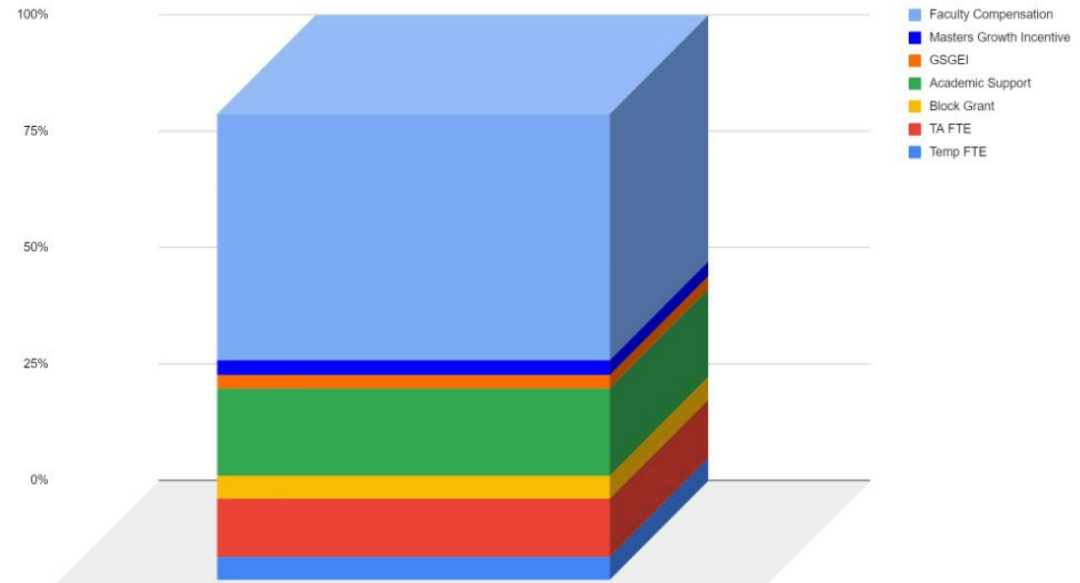
Limitations of the current model

- **Current models is too complex**
 - Many years of customizations & adjustments are layered over each other
- **Current model is opaque and intertwined**
 - Current model has 7 distinct yet interconnected sub-models that make overarching school-level or general campus-level projections and scenario planning very challenging
- **Current model is overly prescriptive**
 - Current sub-models tie funding to categories; this makes it harder for Schools to strategically deploy resources to meet the changing needs of the academic mission.
- **Disconnected from revenue**
 - Currently allocations are not clearly associated with levels of tuition/fees and state funding.
- **Budgetary decisions disconnected from decision maker**
 - Currently, schools make decisions on classes they teach but models determine the funding allocated to the schools.

Current State Model

- Faculty Compensation, Start-up & Renovation
- Masters Growth Incentive
- GSGEI
- Academic Support
- Block Grant
- TA
- Temp FTE

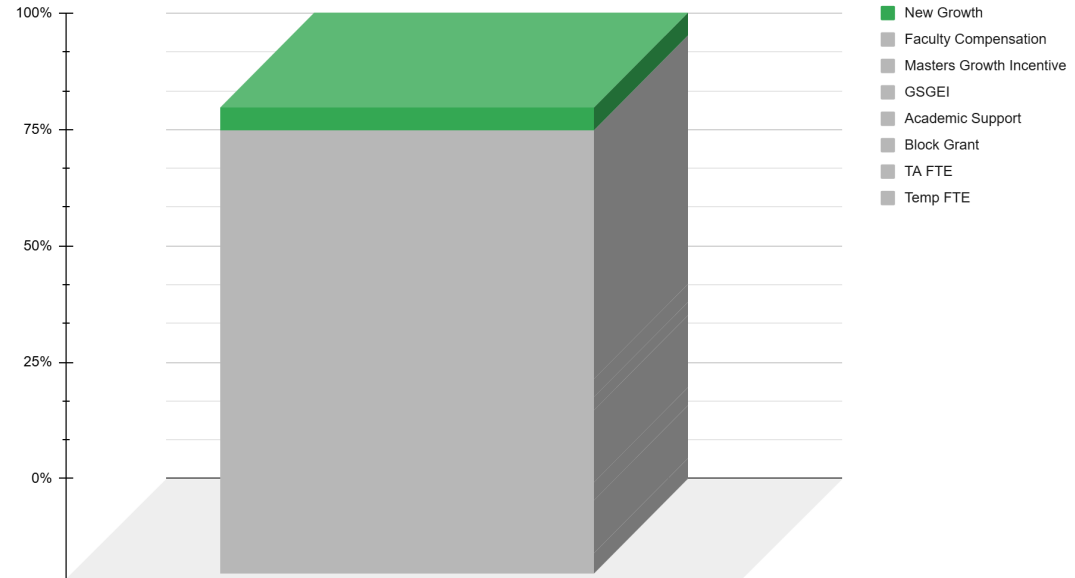
Current State ASM



Elements of the ASM

Proposed Model: Baseline + Revenue Sharing

- ONE MODEL
- Establish baseline that captures existing workload & allocations (seven previous models).
- Establish revenue sharing for future growth associated with new revenue (from higher enrollments, more ICR, etc.)



Plan for New Model

- Baseline captures seven models plus enrollment and majors (undergrad, Masters and PhDs) and indirect cost recovery.
- Baseline is based on AY23-24.
- Mandatory increases to baseline employee salaries due to CBA's, range adjustments or academic review will be covered centrally (e.g., using future increases to state funding and tuition & fees).
- Equity increases will be covered by the schools.
- Schools will use incremental funding derived from revenue sharing to cover future new expenses associated with augmented research and educational programs.

What are benefits of the new ASM?

- **Proposed model is not complex**
 - ASM is easier for the Schools to project.
- **Proposed model is not opaque and intertwined**
 - ASM is more streamlined – from 7 models to 1 model.
- **Proposed model is not overly prescriptive**
 - ASM doesn't tie funding to categories; this allows Schools to strategically deploy resources to meet academic mission.
- **Proposed model is directly connected to revenue**
 - Revenue-sharing allocations will be derived from growth in enrollments (tuition/fees and state funding), research funding, etc.
- **Budgetary decisions are better aligned to decision makers**
 - Under ASM, there is enhanced local empowerment to make strategic decisions.

Ensuring Transparency

- ASM is the way that money is distributed to general campus Schools
- Each School will be required to establish a clear and predictable methodology and process for distributing resources to the units within the School. Deans will create strategic communication plans to keep the EVC Office and the School's units informed.
- The ASM Assessment & Advisory Committee will help the EVC Office set and monitor metrics and align funding, adding further transparency.



Thank you!

February 13, 2025

ELIZABETH H. SIMMONS
Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Review of Graduate School of Marine Sciences Name Change Request

Dear EVC Simmons,

The proposal to rename UC San Diego's Graduate School of Marine Sciences to the "School of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences" was discussed at the February 10, 2025 Senate Council meeting. Senate Council endorsed the proposal, and it will be placed on the April 15, 2025 Representative Assembly meeting agenda.

Sincerely,



Olivia A. Graeve
Chair
San Diego Divisional Academic Senate

cc: Pradeep Khosla, Chancellor
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Olivia Graeve, Chair
Academic Senate

January 29, 2025

Subject: School of Marine Sciences Name Change Request

Dear Chair Graeve,

I endorse the attached proposal to rename UC San Diego's Graduate School of Marine Sciences to the "School of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences."

No curricular, policy, or budget changes would result from this renaming. Rather, it will align the school's name more closely with its existing research and educational mission.

We appreciate the Senate's consideration of this request.

With best regards,

Elizabeth H. Simmons
Executive Vice Chancellor

Cc: Pradeep K. Khosla, Chancellor
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January 24, 2025

TO: Elizabeth Simmons, Executive Vice Chancellor

FROM: Margaret Leinen, Vice Chancellor for Marine Sciences

RE: Change of Name for School of Marine Sciences

Following the guidance of the UC Compendium: Universitywide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, & Research Units, section III.B.2, I outline here the rationale and justification for a simple name change of UC San Diego's *Graduate School of Marine Sciences* to *School of Marine Earth, Atmospheric Sciences (SMEAS)*. This is a change in name only, with no request to change the existing academic programming within the School, or to request any additional resources.

Rationale

The *Scripps Institution of Oceanography Department* (SIO) is the sole department within the Graduate School of Marine Sciences. Academically, the SIO Department is divided into eight Curricular Groups: Applied Ocean Sciences, Biological Oceanography, Climate Sciences, Geophysics, Geosciences, Marine Biology, Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry, and Physical Oceanography. SIO's more than 100 professors and lecturers typically align themselves with one, and sometimes more, Curricular Groups. These groups set the graduate curriculum and run the annual admissions to SIO's graduate programs.

Although the School name implies that the SIO Department is only engaged in graduate education, the Department has always had an undergraduate program in Earth Science and in 2012 began a second undergraduate program in Marine Biology. Over the past decade the SIO Department has begun an additional program in Ocean and Atmospheric Science, taken on the administration of the interdisciplinary Environmental Systems Program and dramatically enlarged its undergraduate offerings. It currently has over 900 undergraduates enrolled in four tracks in the interdisciplinary Environmental Systems Program and in our three majors (Ocean and Atmospheric Science, Geosciences and Marine Biology). Thus, the School name has become unrepresentative of our academic profile.

In addition, over the past five decades, the Earth scientists in the SIO Department (comprising the Geophysics, Geosciences, and Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry Curricular Groups) have provided evidence that students and potential faculty alike pass over Scripps Institution of Oceanography as a potential location for study or employment due to the lack of association of the name Scripps Institution of Oceanography with Earth Sciences. Geophysics curricula, for example, are typically found in Geosciences or Earth Sciences schools or departments. More recently, the growth in atmospheric

science and climate offerings within the SIO Department has led faculty from those fields to call attention to an analogous problem. A more inclusive School name would assist the community in recognizing the breadth of the scientific and academic endeavor undertaken at SIO.

The narrower scope of “oceanography” in comparison with the many fields that we encompass has also made it difficult for potential donors to understand and recognize the scope of research performed at SIO. This has led to missed funding opportunities, and difficulty in engaging with potential donors.

Changing the name of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences to a name that better reflects the breadth of the scientific and academic enterprise at SIO will broaden and increase opportunities to reach potential students, faculty, and donors.

Justification

Given the global recognition of the *Scripps Institution of Oceanography* brand, it is not surprising that the Graduate School of Marine Sciences is not widely known. It does not come up in web searches; indeed, many of the SIO faculty were unaware that they were part of a Graduate School of Marine Sciences – or even that such a School existed at UC San Diego. Most fundamentally, however, “Marine Sciences” is a poor descriptor of the work conducted at SIO, excluding, as it does, solid earth processes, terrestrial geoscience, climate and atmospheric sciences, and only loosely covering fields such as genomics and engineering that are active at SIO. We therefore propose a broader, more inclusive School name that can be used to better reflect the SIO Department’s teaching missions. In addition, the broad undergraduate program and four undergraduate majors that are offered justify dropping the term ‘Graduate’ from the name of the School.

History

In 1960, Scripps Institution of Oceanography became a part of the newly established University of California - San Diego. The executive in charge of Scripps Institution of Oceanography had always been called the Director. In a memo dated October 23, 1964, an *ad hoc* committee recommended to then Chancellor York “that SIO be reorganized to include a Graduate School of Marine Sciences with a Dean as administrative officer. The Director of the Institution and the Dean of the School should be one and the same person.” In July of 1965, William Nierenberg was appointed as the new Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. However, there was some discussion concerning an academic title. On October 13, 1965, the Committee on Educational Policy Committee recommended to Vice Chancellor Eckart that they felt “that it would not be advisable, at this time, to add to the name SIO ‘and Graduate School of Marine Sciences’.” The committee further recommended that the title of the SIO Director be modified to “Director and Dean of Graduate Marine Sciences, The Scripps Institution of Oceanography.” In an October 19, 1965 memo from John Galbraith to UC President Clark Kerr, this rather unwieldy title was modified to “Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Dean of Graduate Marine Sciences”. This is the title that was given to Director and Dean Nierenberg, and a Graduate School of Marine Sciences was formed to house the single SIO Department. In 1969, Director and Dean Nierenberg was given the additional title Vice Chancellor of Marine Sciences to reflect the breadth of non-academic activities and facilities, which all subsequent Directors of SIO have held.

The description of the Dean’s title for the marine science unit has varied over the intervening years; until recently it was usually written “Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences” in spite of the SIO Department offering undergraduate degrees in Earth Science since UC San Diego was founded and in recent years adding other undergraduate majors. The most recent Director and Dean, Margaret Leinen,

was officially appointed “Dean of the School of Marine Sciences”, without the term “Graduate”. The SIO Faculty bylaws, approved by the Faculty of SIO on June 8, 1967, refer to the “Graduate School of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography”, which is inconsistent with the Dean’s title, and the fact that SIO no longer offers only graduate degrees. There has clearly been little attention paid to the exact title of the School, the Faculty, or the Dean since the mid-1960s.

In the last two decades, SIO’s academic mission has expanded greatly: in addition to the PhD degree, the graduate programs now include two MAS programs and MS degrees. Most significantly, SIO now hosts three undergraduate majors (Geosciences, Marine Biology, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences), a set of four tracks under the Environmental Systems major, as well as four minors (Marine Science, Geosciences, Earth Sciences, and Climate Change Studies). The enrollment of the Marine Biology, Oceanic and Atmospheric and Environmental Systems majors have increased steadily since their inception; the large size of the undergraduate program has influenced faculty hiring and refocused teaching responsibilities within the SIO Department. Discussions of the name and structure of the SIO Department have been ongoing since 2019, but have been interrupted by the COVID19 pandemic and considerations arising from the unionization of graduate students at UCSD. No consensus has formed around a change in the name or structure of the Department.

SIO is clearly much more than a graduate school; that name is now obsolete. SIO is also much more than a Department devoted solely to marine science. The naming of the School of Marine Sciences around 1965 was accomplished to accommodate the expanded responsibilities of the SIO Director. However, this name no longer reflects the multiple and diverse strengths of the department or institution of SIO.

Consultation

In 2020, Dean Leinen asked then-SIO Department Chair Peter Franks to pursue the possibility of changing the name of the Graduate School of Marine Science. Chair Franks convened an *ad hoc* committee comprising former SIO Department Chairs and the SIO Executive Committee. After lengthy discussion, this *ad hoc* committee prepared a list of 20 potential names for the School, including no change from the present (Graduate School of Marine Sciences). The *ad hoc* committee voted on their top three choices; this led to a narrowing of the list to 6 potential names (including no change).

The nature and results of the *ad hoc* committee’s deliberations were presented at a series of SIO Department and Faculty meetings, where the proposal to rename the Graduate School of Marine Sciences was presented and discussed. There was broad support for the idea of changing the name of the School to be more reflective of the breadth of our programs. The SIO Faculty called for a vote on the potential names, recognizing that the vote would not be binding, but would be advisory to the Dean. In July 2021, the SIO Faculty voted on the 6 names, and had the option of making additional suggestions.

During the SIO Department and Faculty meetings, the elements of a potential new School name were discussed. There was general agreement that “Earth” should be included as part of the name. There was considerable discussion of whether the new name should include “Atmospheric” or “Climate”. Persuasive arguments were presented favoring “Atmospheric” over “Climate”, mostly related to the fact that many of SIO’s atmospheric scientists do not study climate processes: “Climate” was thought to be overly restrictive.

All voting was strongly in favor of changing the name of the School. The voting identified two clear preferred groups of categories to be included in the new “School of _____ Sciences” name:

- Atmospheric, Earth, Marine
- Atmospheric, Earth, Ocean

The voting showed a preference for the order “Earth, Atmospheric, and Marine/Ocean Sciences.”

After the SIO Faculty vote, these options were presented to the SIO Educational Policy Committee for review and comment. The SIO EPC endorsed the SIO Faculty’s vote and recommended that the top names be communicated to Dean Leinen for discussion and selection of the top candidate.

Dean Leinen, presented the top names to the SIO leaders of Communications, Development, and the Research and Academics Committee (of faculty) for further discussion to determine whether they identified any other considerations. There were none. Based on the advice of the Faculty and these further discussions with support groups, our proposed new name for the School of Marine Sciences was School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences.

In January 2022 Dean Leinen wrote to EVC Simmons proposing the change in name. When this proposal went to Academic Senate for discussion, the Senate reviewed the process by which the proposed name was developed. They raised questions about whether the process was in compliance with Academic Senate procedures and in a March 16, 2023 memo Senate Chair Postero informed the SIO Faculty that Senate would not be endorsing the name until further consultation had taken place, especially to address concerns from marine biologists.

In 2023 Dean Leinen requested that Faculty Chair Andrew Allen develop a process for discussing and voting on a name change that would be in compliance with Academic Senate processes and that would consider the concerns of the marine biologists. The SIO Faculty engaged in a process that extended over a year. On November 7, 2024, Faculty Chair Yuri Fialko wrote to Dean Leinen to document the consultation and a ranked order voting process (attached). The SIO Faculty’s choice of a new name for the School is “School of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences”.

Comparison to Other Institutions’ Names

The current “Graduate School of Marine Sciences” is the only School or College of that name that appears in web searches. There are units with the name “School of Marine Science” at the University of Maine and at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Looking at the proposed new name, School of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, institutions in North America that have similar scopes of educational programs to SIO’s include:

- College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences – Oregon State University
- Graduate School of Oceanography – University of Rhode Island
- School of Oceanography – University of Washington
- Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences – MIT
- Earth and Ocean Sciences – University of Victoria
- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences – Cornell University
- School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences – University of Miami
- School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences – Univ. Texas Rio Grande Valley
- School of Geosciences – Florida State University
- School of Geosciences – University of Texas, Austin
- College of Geosciences – Texas A and M University

Our proposed School name is similar to several existing college, department, or school names, but identical to none. The new School name will better reflect the breadth of the research and academic enterprise at SIO.

Concurrent Changes

With a change in the name of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences, a few other names will also need to be changed:

- The title of the Dean (presently Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences or Dean of the School of Marine Sciences as described above) will be changed to Dean of the School of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.
- The name of the SIO Faculty should be changed from the Faculty of the Graduate School of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to the Faculty of the School of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

Summary

Over the past decade Scripps Institution of Oceanography has expanded its undergraduate curriculum dramatically. In addition to teaching over 6000 different students annually, there are almost 900 undergraduates majoring in one of SIO's four undergraduate major degrees or one of the four tracks of the Environmental Systems Program. As a result, we believe it is appropriate to drop the term 'Graduate' from the name of the School. Furthermore, while there is currently only one department in UC San Diego's *Graduate School of Marine Sciences*, that department is very broad in scope and includes fields other than marine sciences. To better reflect the breadth of the academic programming and research enterprise, we propose to rename the Graduate School of Marine Sciences to the *School of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences*. The name change will facilitate recognition of all the facets of our academic programs and better represent both the scope of our educational and research enterprise to the public. The titles of the Dean and the Faculty should be changed to reflect this larger scope.

Cc: Yuri Fialko, Chair, Faculty of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences
Lihini Aluwihare, Chair, Department of Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Attachment:

Nov 7, 2024 Letter from Faculty Chair Fialko to Dean Leinen

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November 7, 2024

TO: Margaret Leinen
 Dean, School of Marine Sciences

FROM: Yuri Fialko
 Chair, SIO Faculty

SUBJECT: Review of Graduate School of Marine Sciences Name Change

In response to the Senate request for additional consultations regarding the school name change (Re: Senate Chair Nancy Postero letter from 03/16/2023), the SIO Faculty held several meetings to consider various options for the name change. Previous discussions in 2020-2021 identified "School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Marine Sciences" as the preferred name. Subsequent reviews by the SIO Faculty committees resulted in a slightly modified version, "School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences". The latter was put forward in a proposal submitted by the SIO Director and Dean of Marine Sciences Leinen to the EVC Simmons in 2022. Some academic groups at SIO (in particular, marine biologists) have since indicated that they are better represented by the name "Marine Sciences" than by "Ocean Sciences". To address these concerns, we carried out several surveys to identify a school name that is inclusive and fully representative of our academic programs. At the faculty meeting held on June 18, 2024, the faculty has reviewed a list of 8 proposed names and narrowed it down to 6. The resulting list was presented for a ranked choice vote to the entire faculty (including Senate faculty and researchers) on June 21, 2024. The top choice was "School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Marine Sciences" (114 out of 148 submitted votes). Results of the vote were further discussed at the faculty meetings held on August 15 and September 26. The faculty has endorsed the three subject areas but requested an additional vote to determine their order. The respective ranked choice vote was held on September 30. The top choice was "School of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences" (71 out of 104 submitted votes). The name "School of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences" enjoys a broad support of the faculty, well represents the breadth of our academic programs, and is reflective of the history of SIO, which began as a marine biology station more than a century ago. I note that the Dean's title has changed several times in the last 50 years, while the original school name, "Graduate School of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography", formally has not, resulting in some confusion regarding the official school name. On behalf of the SIO Faculty, I thereby recommend that the original proposal for the new school name is modified to "School of Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences".

Respectfully,

Yuri Fialko

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yuri Fialko', written in a cursive style.

Chair of the SIO Faculty and its Executive Committee

March 16, 2023

ELIZABETH H. SIMMONS
Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Review of Graduate School of Marine Sciences Name Change

Dear EVC Simmons,

The proposal to rename the Graduate School of Marine Sciences to the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences was distributed to Senate standing committees and discussed at the March 13, 2023 Senate Council meeting. Prior to completing their review, Senate Council requested clarification and additional information regarding the consultation process with SIO Faculty. The letter from the SIO Faculty Chair notes that SIO Faculty broadly supported a name change and voted on six potential names in July 2021, but it is not clear what happened after that vote or how the final decision was made to advance the proposal with the name "School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences". Council was concerned that the SIO Faculty were not consulted prior to the final name being chosen and would like to ensure that the SIO Faculty had an opportunity to review the final proposal.

Council members noted that although the proposal indicates that this is a non-substantive name change, it could also be construed as a rebranding of SIO since the School name change appears to increase visibility in the area of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and does not include Marine Biology. Please address how the proposed change will impact the current organizational structure in Marine Sciences and the SIO brand.

Sincerely,



Nancy Postero
Chair
San Diego Divisional Academic Senate

cc: Robert Continetti, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Jeff Gattas, Associate Chancellor
John Hildebrand, Senate Vice Chair
Lori Hullings, Senate Executive Director
Pradeep Khosla, Chancellor
Margaret Leinen, Vice Chancellor, Marine Sciences
Alison Sanders, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

February 27, 2023

NANCY POSTERO, CHAIR
Academic Senate, San Diego Division

SUBJECT: Proposed Name Change – Graduate School of Marine Sciences

The Committee on Planning and Budget reviewed the request for a proposed name change of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences. EVC Simmons states *“The proposed name change more fully recognizes the breadth of research and educational programs carried out by the school. This is a change in name only, the proposal does not involve the creation of any new departments, and no curricular, policy, or budget changes would result from the renaming.”* The committee endorses the request for the proposed name change.

Sincerely,

Michael Provence, Chair
Committee on Planning & Budget

cc: J. Hildebrand

February 8, 2023

PROFESSOR NANCY POSTERO, Chair
Academic Senate, San Diego Division

SUBJECT: Review of the Proposed Name Change – Graduate School of Marine Sciences

At its January 23, 2023 meeting, the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) reviewed the proposal to rename the Graduate School of Marine Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences. The Committee endorsed the proposal, noting that the changes seem logical.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Cook, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

cc: J. Hildebrand
L. Hullings
J. Lucius
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February 22, 2023

PROFESSOR NANCY POSTERO, Chair
Academic Senate, San Diego Division

SUBJECT: Review of the Proposed Name Change – Graduate School of Marine Sciences

At its February 13, 2023 meeting, the Graduate Council reviewed the proposal to rename the Graduate School of Marine Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences. The Council endorses the proposed name change.

Sincerely,

Timothy Gentner, Chair
Graduate Council

cc: J. Hildebrand
L. Hullings
J. Lucius

January 27, 2023

PROFESSOR NANCY POSTERO, Chair
Academic Senate, San Diego Division

SUBJECT: Proposal to Change SIO Graduate School of Marine Sciences Name

At its January 13, 2022 meeting, the Undergraduate Council reviewed the proposal to change Scripps Institute of Oceanography's Graduate School of Marine Sciences Name to School of Earth Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences. The Council endorses this change.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Kaiser, Chair
Undergraduate Council

cc: J. Hildebrand
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Nancy Postero, Chair
UC San Diego Academic Senate

December 13, 2022

Subject: Proposed Name Change – Graduate School of Marine Sciences

Dear Nancy,

I endorse the proposal for submission to the Academic Senate requesting approval to rename the Graduate School of Marine Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences. The proposed change would more fully recognize the breadth of research and educational programs carried out by the school.

This is a change in name only, the proposal does not involve the creation of any new departments, and no curricular, policy, or budget changes would result from the renaming.

We appreciate the Senate's consideration of this request.

With best regards,

Elizabeth H. Simmons
Executive Vice Chancellor
Distinguished Professor of Physics

CC: Senior Associate Vice Chancellor Continetti
Chancellor Khosla
Dean Leinen
Vice Chair Hildebrand
Assistant Vice Chancellor Sanders



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January 5, 2022

TO: Elizabeth Simmons
Executive Vice Chancellor

FROM: Margaret Leinen
Dean, School of Marine Sciences

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret Leinen".

Following the guidance of the UC Compendium: Universitywide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, & Research Units, section III.B.2, I outline here the rationale and justification for a simple name change of UC San Diego's *Graduate School of Marine Sciences* to *School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences (SEAOS)*. This is a change in name only, with no request to change the existing academic programming within the School, or to request any additional resources.

Rationale

Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) is the sole department within the Graduate School of Marine Sciences. Academically, SIO is divided into eight Curricular Groups: Applied Ocean Sciences, Biological Oceanography, Climate Sciences, Geophysics, Geosciences, Marine Biology, Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry, and Physical Oceanography. SIO's more than 100 professors and lecturers typically align themselves with one, and sometimes more, Curricular Groups. These groups set the graduate curriculum and run the annual admissions to SIO's graduate programs. The size, breadth, and excellence of SIO's research and teaching are unusual both nationally, and globally.

SIO has earned a global reputation for the excellence of its research, teaching, service, and outreach. Given the broad reach, recognition, and positive associations of the *Scripps Institution of Oceanography* name, we have no current plans to change it.

Over the past five decades, the Earth scientists at SIO (comprising the Geophysics, Geosciences, and Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry Curricular Groups) have provided evidence that students and potential faculty alike pass over SIO as a potential graduate school or department of employment due to the lack of association of the name Scripps Institution of Oceanography or 'SIO' with Earth Sciences. Geophysics, for example, is typically found in Geosciences or Earth Sciences departments. More recently, atmospheric scientists at SIO have called attention to an analogous problem for them. Placing these fields under the SIO department name makes it difficult for students and scientists to find that we represent them. A more inclusive School name would assist the community in recognizing the breadth of the scientific and academic endeavor undertaken at SIO.

The narrower scope of “oceanography” in comparison with the many fields that we encompass has also made it difficult for potential donors to understand and recognize the scope of research performed at SIO. While the name recognition of the *Scripps Institution of Oceanography* is excellent, the appreciation for the actual scope of research conducted at SIO is limited; this has led to missed funding opportunities, and difficulty in engaging with potential donors.

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Given the global recognition of the *Scripps Institution of Oceanography* brand, it is not surprising that the Graduate School of Marine Sciences is not widely known. It does not come up in web searches; indeed, many of the SIO faculty were unaware that they were part of a Graduate School of Marine Sciences – or even that such a School existed at UC San Diego. Most fundamentally, however, “Marine Sciences” is a poor descriptor of the work conducted at SIO, excluding, as it does, solid earth processes and atmospheric sciences, and only loosely covering fields such as genomics and engineering that are active at SIO. We therefore propose a broader, more inclusive School name that can be used to better reflect the breadth of SIO’s research and teaching missions. In addition, the broad undergraduate program and seven undergraduate majors that are offered justify dropping the term ‘Graduate’ from the name of the School.

History

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Dean Leinen, presented the top names to the SIO leaders of Communications, Development, Research, and Academics, for discussion. Based on the advice of the Faculty and these further discussions with support groups, our proposed new name for the School of Marine Sciences is:

School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences. This leads to the new acronym "SEAOS".

Other Institutions' Names

The only "School of Marine Sciences" that appears in web searches is the School of Marine Science at the University of Maine; there is also a "School of Marine Science" at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Institutions in North America that have similar (but generally narrower) scopes of educational programs to SIO's include:

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- Graduate School of Oceanography – University of Rhode Island
- School of Oceanography – University of Washington
- Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences – MIT
- Earth and Ocean Sciences – University of Victoria
- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences – Cornell University
- Department of Marine Sciences – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences – University of Miami
- Marine, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences (in the College of Sciences) – NC State University
- School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences – Univ. Texas Rio Grande Valley
- School of Geosciences – Florida State University
- School of Geosciences – University of Texas, Austin
- College of Geosciences – Texas A and M University

Our proposed School name is similar to – but distinct from – these several existing college, department, or school names. The new School name will better reflect the breadth of the research and academic enterprise at SIO.

Concurrent Changes

With a change in the name of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences, a few other names will also need to be changed:

- The title of the Dean (presently Dean of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences or Dean of the School of Marine Sciences as described above) will be changed to Dean of the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences.
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Summary

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Cc: Stuart Sandin
Chair, Faculty of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences



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December 22, 2021

TO: Margaret Leinen
Dean, School of Marine Sciences

FROM: Stuart Sandin
Chair, Faculty of the Graduate School of Marine Sciences

We appreciate the attention being paid to the concern that the name of the academic program that our faculty populate is imprecise and warrants reconsideration. Currently, our faculty at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) operate our academic programming within the *School of Marine Sciences*. We support the proposal of Dean Leinen to request a more academically inclusive and representative name for the school, and we support the proposed name of the *School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences*.

The concern regarding the school's name has been mounting over the past decades, as the breadth of educational programs at SIO has expanded. Our faculty include academic leaders in disciplines including, but not limited to, geosciences, atmospheric sciences, chemistry, and biology. Importantly, the focus of this work extends well beyond the realm of the ocean (as is suggested by our current name of 'marine sciences'), with education and research focused on the depths of the planet to the heights of the atmosphere, and beyond. It is thus clear that the name of our academic program is at best imprecise and at worst misleading.

Our faculty have been provided multiple opportunities to comment upon the proposed naming of the school. There has been discussion of the topic within the Educational Policy Committee of the SIO Faculty as well as more generally within multiple SIO Department and Faculty meetings. The consensus has been that there is timely need to change the name of the School to be more representative of our educational scope. Notably, there has been no single name that has secured unanimous support as the top selection. The reason for the lack of unanimity in the selection is due in large part to the more advisory nature of the votes, providing a large number of options with a goal of soliciting substantive input from the faculty in terms of intended needs for the renaming effort. In all discussions, however, there was consensus that the school name should include reference to three important pillars of the SIO academic strength – earth sciences, atmospheric sciences, and ocean sciences.

The proposed renaming of the school addresses many concerns of our faculty that should improve our efforts of educational recruitment and impact for the decades ahead. The new naming, as proposed, will (i) improve recognition of domain expertise for prospective students, (ii) better represent the diversity of educational programming offered by the SIO Faculty, and (iii) expand opportunities for outreach and fund-raising of our strong and growing educational program.

Thank you for responding to the needs of the SIO Faculty in considering this change to our school's name. The SIO Faculty offer our support of the new name to represent our academic programs, the *School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences*.

February 27, 2025

PROFESSOR PATRICK H. DIAMOND, Vice Chair
Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics

PROFESSOR SHELLEY WRIGHT, Interim Chair
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SUBJECT: Proposal to Change Major Name

At its February 10, 2025 meeting, the Graduate Council approved the proposal to change the name of the PhD in Astronomy to PhD in Astronomy and Astrophysics; the approved name change also applies to the en route Master of Science. The Graduate Council determined that the requested change represents a simple name change. The Council will forward the proposal for placement on an upcoming Representative Assembly agenda. The proposal must also be forwarded to the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) for Systemwide review.

Sincerely,

Sarah Gille, Chair
Graduate Council

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Judy Kim, Ph.D.
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Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry

RE: Proposal to Change “*Astronomy*” MS and PhD Program (AT75) Name to “*Astronomy and Astrophysics*”

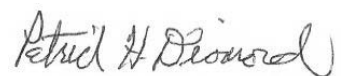
The Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics respectfully requests a change of the MS and PhD program names from "Astronomy " to "Astronomy and Astrophysics ", effective Fall 2025. We request this change to align the degree name to the name of our new (as of March 2023) A&A department so as to: (1) eliminate confusion between the department and degree names, (2) accurately reflect the graduate program curriculum, and (3) enhance job and academic prospects for students by including “Astrophysics” in the degree title.

The words “Astronomy” and “Astrophysics” are often used interchangeably in professional research but carry distinct cultural and educational meanings in society and industry. “Astrophysics” emerged in the early 20th century, with the incorporation of advanced physics into observational and theoretical studies. Astronomy and Astrophysics is an interdisciplinary field, integrating physics, chemistry, biophysics, geophysics, engineering, and computational science to explore fundamental questions about the Universe. The Astronomy MS and PhD programs address these topics but were originally named “Astronomy” when housed in the Physics department. There, “Physics” was implied. With the graduate program now residing in a new department, both faculty and graduate students propose renaming the graduate program “Astronomy and Astrophysics” to align with the department and undergraduate BA and BS degree names. This change ensures consistency, reduces confusion, and enhances the degrees’ relevance to future career opportunities for our students.

For these reasons, we would like to request to change the graduate major name for the Astronomy MS and PhD code AT75 from “Astronomy” to “Astronomy and Astrophysics” to better reflect the program and degree type.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick H. Diamond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Patrick H. Diamond, Distinguished Professor
Vice Chair for Graduate Education, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S".

Shelley Wright, Professor
Interim Chair, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics

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October 28, 2024

Chancellor Khosla submitted the following policies for Senate review on October 2:

- PPM 160-10, Interim Student Conduct Procedures
- PPM 510-1, Section V.A, Interim Policy on Major Events on Campus
- PPM 510-1, Section IX, Interim Policy on Expressive Activity Time, Place, and Manner
- PPM 516-10.3, Interim Policy on Environmental Sanitation - Housing, Fires, Fencing, Electricity, and Water Usage

Interim revisions to these policies were made to comply with revisions mandated by the University of California Office of the President and the State Legislature's SB 108. On October 25, the Senate received redline versions of each interim policy to facilitate review of the changes. On November 25, the pre 10/1 versions of the policies were added. A link to the redline, clean, and pre 10/1 versions of each policy is available in the *Resources* box.

Resources

[PPM 160-10 Redline, Clean, Pre 10/1 Versions](#)

[PPM 510-1 Section IX Redline, Clean, Pre 10/1 Versions](#)

[PPM 510-1 Section V.A Redline, Clean, Pre 10/1 Versions](#)

[PPM 516-10.3 Redline, Clean, Pre 10/1 Versions](#)

[California Senate Bill 108, Sec. 219, 34](#)

[UC President Drake Message: Updates on UC Campus Climate Efforts](#)

[UC President Drake August 2024 Memo to Chancellors: Directive on Policies Impacting Expressive Activities](#)

[UC Santa Cruz Information related to California State Senate Bill 108](#)