



Present: Diana Bello-DeOcampo, Julia Ezzo, Nick Reynolds, Karthik Namasivayam, Li Xiao, Dante Dixson, Jeno Rivera, Orville Cayaditto, Karla Palmer, Michael Lockett, Samantha Cass, Stacia Moroski-Rigney, N. Bari Olivier, Robert Brathwaite, Braxton Maduka, Christopher Scales, Monique Turner, Gabe Wrobel, Natalie Beute

Absent: Teresa Cuellar, Genevieve Lucas, Carol Parker, Nic Heilman

A regular meeting of the University Committee on Academic Governance was held on September 10, 2026 at 2:02 pm via Zoom with Chair Bello-DeOcampo presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

Remarks

Chair Bello-DeOcampo welcomed UCAG members to the start of the 2026-2027 term.

Returning Business

Chair Bello-DeOcampo asked UCAG members to self-nominate to serve in the role of Secretary. No volunteers during the meeting and interested individuals were asked to email Chair Bello-DeOcampo prior to the next UCAG meeting.

New Business

Chair Bello-DeOcampo, Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance Reynolds, and Vice Chair Ezzo provided an orientation to serving on UCAG.

Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance Reynolds gave a summer update, including the call to Academic Congress, the definition of 'academic unit' from the Provost's Office, and the shared governance assessment.

Chair Bello-DeOcampo discussed the guidelines for the 5-year College Bylaws Review that UCAG will be completing this year. Vice Chair Ezzo outlined the proposed schedule for the College Bylaws Review process.



Deputy Secretary for Academic Governance Reynolds and Chair Bello-DeOcampo requested UCAG provide an interpretation for the use of the term 'instructor' in Bylaws 1.1.1.2. Discussion regarding if this should be a narrow interpretation and only include 'instructors' or if this should be interpreted broadly and include 'senior instructors,' 'instructors,' and 'assistant instructors.' Motion to table until next meeting to allow for the collection of additional information and context. Motion approved.

Chair Bello-DeOcampo clarified that under the open meeting requirement for university standing committees (Bylaw 4.2.4.3), UCAG's discussion regarding college bylaws will be an open meeting.

Chair Bello-DeOcampo provided an overview for UCAG's work for the upcoming academic year.

Comments from the Floor

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm

Julia Ezzo, UCAG Vice Chair and Interim Secretary

Approved: