Chairs Workshop #8
Assessing DEI Contributions at Review Time
March 15, 2022
Panel: Anita Bhappu (MCS Chair), Ramesh Balasubramaniam (CAP Chair), Nestor Oviedo (MCB Co-Chair)
Spring 2022

DEPARTMENT CHAIR WORKSHOPS

Zoom link for all workshops: https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/81758466472

Informal Chat with the Provost
Discussion led by Gregg Camfield
Tuesday, January 18 at Noon

The Chair’s Role in Supporting Student Success
Discussion led by VPDUE Sarah Frey
Wednesday, February 16 at Noon

Assessing DEI Contributions
Discussion led by faculty panel
Tuesday, March 15th at Noon

Retaining Faculty
Discussion led by Teenie Matlock and Zulema Valdez
Friday, April 15 at Noon

Organized by the Academic Personnel Office
For any questions, please contact us at VPAP@ucmerced.edu

Facilitated by Dr. Gene Crumley

One Hour Leadership

Friday, March 18 @ 12pm:

Leadership Behaviors

In the 1980's two researchers at Harvard, Mary Fontaine and Ruth Jacobs, asked a simple question, "What kinds of behaviors do leaders engage in?" Turns out what they learned is that leaders engage in lots of different types of behaviors. Nevertheless, Fontaine & Jacobs saw six distinct patterns of behavior that leaders engage in most of the time. They developed some very interesting ideas, as a result of their investigations, which they suggested could explain why some leaders were more effective than others. Forty years later, could Fontaine & Jacobs still be right in their insights & conclusions? Join us on March 18 and find out!

These sessions are open to all faculty, staff, and students of UC Merced. If you have questions, please email vpap@ucmerced.edu
Please welcome Dr. Delia Saenz
Our new Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer

Extensive leadership
Ph.D. Social Psychology
Fellow of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and the Western Psychological Association
Long stream of funded research through the NSF, US Agency for International Development, Ford Foundation, etc.
High quality, interdisciplinary research – focus on organizational behavior, group processes, social identity
Today’s Panelists:

Ramesh Balasubramaniam - CAP Chair

Anita Bhappu – Department Chair, Management of Complex Systems

Nestor Oviedo – Department Chair, Molecular and Cell Biology
Faculty are assessed on “…performance in (1) teaching, (2) research and other creative work, (3) professional activity, and (4) University and public service.”

The review committee will maintain “reasonable flexibility, balancing when the case requires, heavier commitments and responsibilities in one area against lighter commitments and responsibilities in another... [with] sufficient flexibility... [But] flexibility does not entail a relaxation of high standards.”

“Superior intellectual attainment [in teaching, research and other creative achievement], is an indispensable qualification for appointment or promotion to tenure positions. [This is] necessary for maintenance of the quality of the University as an institution dedicated to the discovery and transmission of knowledge.

“The University of California is committed to excellence and equity... Contributions in all areas of faculty achievement that promote equal opportunity and diversity should be given due recognition in the academic personnel process … should be evaluated and credited in the same way as other faculty achievements.”
What faculty are advised to include in their self-statements

**Narrative summary of your contributions to**

- Research
- Teaching and mentoring
- Service – dept, campus, UC, community, profession
- Diversity-equity-inclusion (DEI)

in the review period

- It supplements other info → Bio-bib and CV
- It’s where you interpret and **contextualize** your contributions for all levels of review
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During merit and promotion reviews, what does your department do to ensure that the DEI contributions of faculty from under-represented groups are adequately acknowledged? (Studies show that they often take on significantly more service obligations.)
Any other points of discussion?