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Faculty Members Urged to Attend Forums on Draft SAP November 12 and 13

After nearly 15 months of campus-wide input, open discussion, idea development and careful refinement, UC Merced's Strategic Academic Planning Committee is ready to release its first full Draft SAP document for faculty review and comment.

The document will be posted on the SAP Web site (http://strategicplanning.ucmerced.edu) in early November. Chancellor Steve Kang and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Keith Alley, co-chairs of the SAP Planning Committee, are urging all members of the UC Merced faculty to provide direct feedback on the plan at either of two upcoming faculty forums:

- Wednesday, Nov. 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in COB 120
- Thursday, Nov. 13, from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. in COB 105

Faculty members who cannot attend in person are asked to comment in writing using the feedback mechanism provided on the Web site. The UC Merced Academic Senate also will provide written comments.

The planning document includes recommendations on undergraduate and graduate education, research themes, institutes and professional schools proposed for development over the next 20 years. A companion document presents recommendations on the development of an academic organizational structure to support the growing campus.

Preliminary recommendations of the Strategic Academic Planning Committee's three subcommittees, from which the full SAP planning document was drawn, have been posted on the Web site for faculty comment since mid-May.

Following faculty feedback sessions, the committee will further refine the SAP document and post a final copy for review. Along with individual school plans, the SAP will help set academic priorities and guide resource and hiring decisions in the coming years. It is expected to be updated periodically.

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