What do you see as some of the biggest hurdles to Inclusive Excellence and Equity at WSU?

Please write answers in Chat or Q&A

Achieving Faculty Retention Through Inclusive Excellence

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Overview

- Introductory activity
- My institutional landscape
- UCI example: Equity Advisors
- Some ideas for education
- Thoughts on individual acts

Please ask questions verbally or in chat at any point!



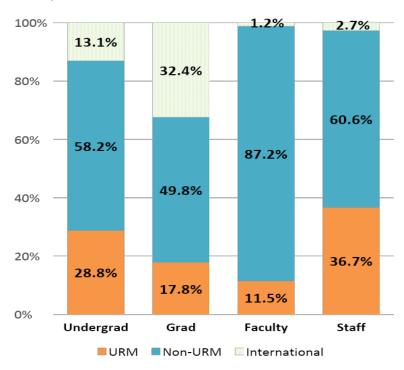
Institutional Landscape

University of California and University of California, Irvine

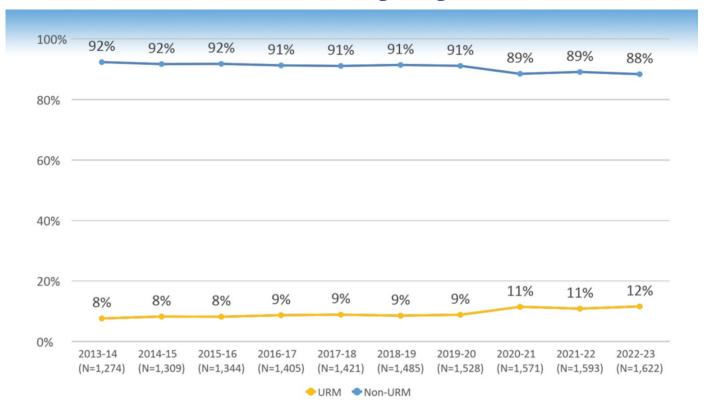


Campus by URM Status Total Students, Senate Faculty, and Staff (2022-23)

URM= African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian or Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



Total Senate Faculty by URM Status



Institutional Commitments

<u>UC commitment to faculty diversity & inclusion to achieve excellence</u>

- Growing Our Own: Advance faculty diversity and diversity PhD pathways
- Advancing Faculty Diversity Grants
- <u>President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program</u> and Hiring Incentive
 - Database of PPFP Scholars
- UC-HBCU Initiative
- <u>UC-Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Doctoral</u>
 <u>Diversity Initiative</u>
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS): <u>SEA Change</u>: <u>STEMM Equity</u> Achievement

UCI Strategic Plan: Bright Past, Brilliant Future

- Ensure that UCI's educational opportunities are engine for social mobility
- Build on relationships with minority-serving institutions (Historically Black Colleges and Universities[HBCU], Hispanic Serving Institutions [HSI], Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions[AANAPISI]) to continue strengthening pipelines into our graduate and professional programs
- Increase enrollment of a diverse doctoral student population
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Institutional Programs at UCI

- <u>Equity Advisors</u> (ADVANCE project; more slides below)
- DECADE Graduate Student Mentoring
- <u>Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program</u> (extension of UC <u>PPFP</u>)
- UCI-HBCU Initiatives
- Black Thriving Initiative
- Pay Equity Study
- Career Partners Senate Faculty Program
- COVID Accommodations and temporary Research Recovery Program
- <u>Family Friendly Leave, Modified Duties, and Stop the Clock</u>
- Provost's Leadership Academy
- Inclusive Excellence Academic Leadership
 - UCI School of Social Sciences, Office of Faculty Development and Diversity
 - o UCI School of Biological Sciences, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
 - o UCI School of Physical Sciences, <u>Inclusive Excellence Leadership</u>

Faculty Recruitment Inclusive Excellence Supplement

Program Outcomes (Ladder Rank Faculty and Professors of Teaching):

- · 2019-20: 16 nominations
 - 13 approved (4 STEM)
 - o 22 (of 26) faculty accepted offer
 - Total faculty hires = 84
- 2020-21: 17 nominations
 - o 14 approved (5 STEM)
 - o 20 (of 28) faculty accepted offer
 - o Total faculty hires = 79
- 2021-22: 18 nominations
 - 11 approved (4 STEM)
 - o 9 (of 22) faculty accepted offer
 - o Total faculty hires = 72
- 2022-23: 8 nominations
 - o 3 approved (1 STEM)
 - o 3 (out of 6) faculty accepted offer
 - Total faculty hires = 91

Institutional Support for Faculty

- National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity
 Faculty Success Program Membership & Funding
- Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development
 - Inclusive Excellence Professors
 - Associate Professor URM women group
- UC I Write
- School-based mentoring programs
- More in process!



UCI Example: Equity Advisors

NSF ADVANCE Grant (2001)

Tenured faculty in each school

Faculty Assistant to Dean



Role of Equity Advisors

Faculty Recruitment

- Promote best practices
- Provide formal approval of search plan, short list, and finalist
- Meet with finalists or provide information

Faculty Retention

- Offer career advising for faculty development
- Develop mentoring and orientation activities
- Advise Deans re: salary equity

Remediation of Faculty Issues

- Serve as confidential (as much as possible) resource for faculty
- Refer faculty to campus supports (<u>Ombuds</u>, <u>OEOD</u>, <u>AVP for Faculty Development</u>)

Resources to Support Faculty

- Serve as Faculty Assistant to Dean
- Develop useful faculty resources



- Creating the most inclusive pool
 - Comparison of availability (<u>IPEDS</u>) and departmental demographics to create URM hiring goals
 - Direct outreach encouraging minoritized candidates to apply
- Best practice advertisement language



- Inclusive & lowest barrier candidate requirements
 - Sexual Misconduct, Harassment, & Discrimination Declaration
 - <u>Inclusive Excellence Statement</u> in hiring (and review)
 - Letter of Reference contact information only
- Education on best Search practices
 - Mandatory Search Committee presentation
 - Working on handbook (e.g., Michigan, Harvard)
- Oversight: Search plan, Short List, Final Report
 - Equity Advisor, Vice Chancellor (delegated to Assoc. VC), Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity review and sign off

Faculty Recruitment

"Safest community" is in eye of beholder. Try these instead:

- UCI is an HSI, an AANAPISI, and a charter member of the <u>AAAS SEA Change initiative</u> that supports institutional efforts to increase access and success for students, faculty and staff from groups marginalized in STEMM. Programs are available to meet the needs of dual-career academic partners.
- Commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion animates our mission as a public research university. A recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity, UCI is responsive to the needs of dual career couples and supports work-life integration through a robust set of family-friendly policies.
- UCI is a Minority Serving Institution (MSI), a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). These federal designations align with UCI's aspiration to be a national leader and global model of inclusive excellence. We seek faculty who are committed to diversity as well as diverse faculty who will be role models for our students.



Improve equity in retention and advancement

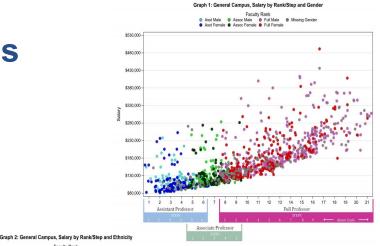
- New faculty orientation: set up for success
 - O Welcoming for new faculty at all levels, not just untenured
- Mentoring programs for early, mid, and senior career faculty
- Transparency and equity are good for everyone
 - o Faculty Guidance on Preparing merit & promotion files
 - o New Faculty Resources
 - o Pathways to Tenure and Promotion Guide
- Raise awareness of the need for equity and diversity in all service and professional activities, such as leadership opportunities, nominations for awards and honors, etc.
- Support <u>affinity groups</u>, <u>awards</u>, <u>fundraising</u>
- Discuss and educate on <u>Bias in Review Process</u>
- Climate and Exit Interviews (<u>COACHE</u>)

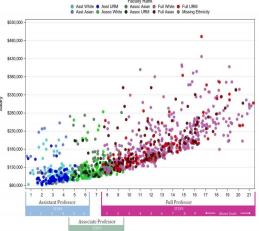




Remediation for Faculty Inequities

- Pay Equity Study
 - Followup with \$\$ and plan
- <u>Career Equity Review</u> (not recommended)
 - Not everything works
- Changing review standards
 - Consideration of Non-collegiality in the Review Process
 - Inclusive Excellence: "Contributions in all areas of faculty achievement that promote equal opportunity and diversity should be given due recognition in the academic personnel process, and they should be evaluated and credited in the same way as other faculty achievements." UC AP Manual
 - Documentation of Informal Mentoring
- Equity Advisor as resource and connector for individual issues
 - Knowledge and resource outside of administrative lines of authority







Education

A Small Selection

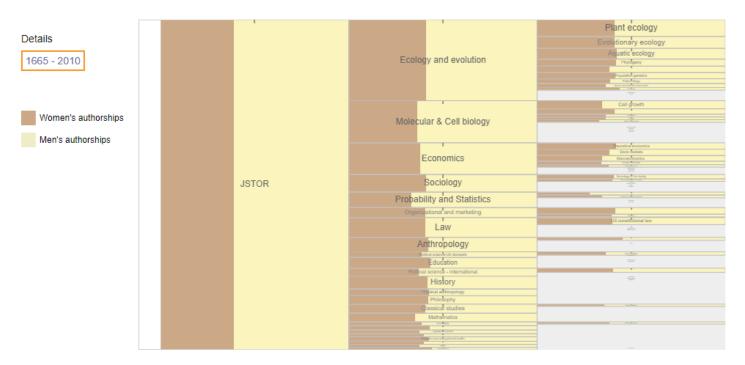


Some Bias Research Findings

- Resumes with "Black-sounding" names needed 1.5x as many submissions as resumes with "White-sounding" names in order to receive the same number of follow-ups
- Women surgeons receive fewer referrals after successful outcomes than male surgeons
- Three-quarters of women's <u>critical evaluations</u> contained negative comments about their personalities,
 compared to 2% of men's
- Survey of women scientists found that Asian American women face highest backlash for self-promotion and assertive behavior
- Shelley J. Correll et al., "Inside the Black Box of Organizational Life: The Gendered Language of <u>Performance Assessment</u>" American Sociological Review (2020)
 - "[M]en and women are equally likely to be described as having technical ability, while women are viewed as too aggressive and men as too soft..."taking charge" is associated with the highest performance ratings for men but not for women. ...gender biases emerge in a process intended to be meritocratic."



Bias: (Self) Citation Metrics



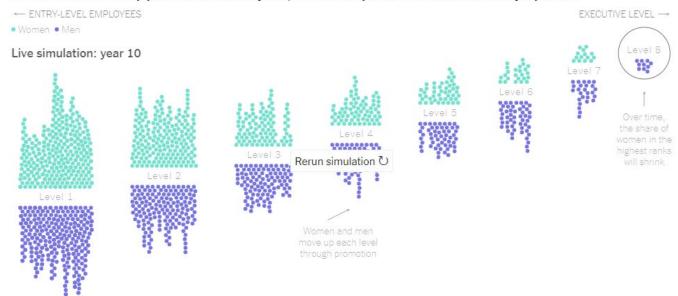
What it shows

Rates of self-citation differ according to gender across scholarly disciplines and sub-fields. We determine the self-citation rates of men and women, per publication. When the rates are the same for both genders, the colors in each block are split evenly in half. When men authors self-cite twice as often per publication as do women authors, then the block will be 2/3 cream and 1/3 brown.

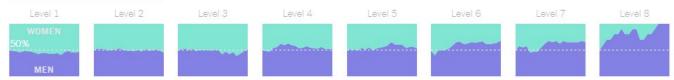


Example: Cumulative Bias

Simulation of Normcorp promotions over 10 years, with female performance undervalued by 3 percent



Simulation results over time



Bias: Academic Hiring Research

- Women, mothers, minoritized men, & LGBTQ+ faculty fare worse than white & Asian straight men on average in terms of respect for research, professional integration, motherhood salary penalty.
- Merit is linked to the idea of being a pure scholar/ objective academic, whereas one's identity is too often seen as antithetical to success
- In candidate semi-finalist pool:
 - Women 2.7x more likely to have no positive comments
 - Women 2x more likely to have 1+ negative comment
 - Men 4x more likely to have standout comments (best, outstanding, etc.)

Loy et al., "Can rubrics combat gender bias in faculty hiring?" Policy Forum Science.org July 2022

- Women candidates received statistically significant lower productivity rubric scores than men, controlling for seniority # of articles published, and seniority/h-index
- Women didn't catch up to men in productivity rating in rubrics until reaching an H-index of 17.5 (well above 12.8 average and above all but that achieved by a handful of candidates)

All from Mary Blair-Loy, UCSD Sociology and Co-Director, https://crg-stemm.ucsd.edu/



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Individual Acts

What can one person do?



Mentoring

- Voluntary and Structured Mentoring
- On and off campus
- Discuss hidden curricula of higher education
 - NCFDD Mentor Map and Webinar
 - University of Michigan Resources on Mentoring
 - o UCI Bio Sci Pilot Faculty Mentoring Program
 - UC Berkeley Best Practice for Faculty Mentoring
 - Cornell University Mentoring Guidelines





Be the Change: Allies and Accomplices

- Do the work and more
 - They who are most prepared often wins
- Reflect on all choices
- Refuse work in inequitable spaces
- Allies: Remember to decenter yourself
- A rising tide lifts all boats
- Appreciate the increments



"Get tenure, then start la revolución"

— Distinguished Professor Vicki Ruiz

American Academy of Arts & Sciences Member
National Humanities Medal Winner





