

**Build your Network (BYN) Program**  
**Session 5 – Your Role in a Research University**  
**November 17, 2017**  
**9-11am**  
**SAAC 219**

**Outcomes**

By the end of today's seminar, participants will be able to:

- Describe and locate information on UC Merced's research institutes, centers and collaborative initiatives;
- Describe and locate information on the purpose and services of the Office of the Academic Senate;
- Describe how their work supports UC Merced's research and academic initiatives; and will have
- Participated in a World Café.

**Agenda**

9:00am – 9:15am Welcome, agenda and outcomes overview

9:15am – 10:00am Presentations

9:15am – 9:40am ***Research in the 21st Century at UC Merced***

Guest Speaker – Deborah Motton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Compliance and Integrity.

As it is at all University of California campuses, research is the cornerstone of UC Merced. Innovative faculty members conduct interdisciplinary, groundbreaking research that will solve complex problems affecting the San Joaquin Valley, California and the world. Staff are instrumental to accomplishing research goals and initiatives. During this presentation, Deborah will:

- Present an overview on ORED's mission and role at UC Merced and within the local and global community;
- Overview the various research institutes, centers and collaborative projects at UC Merced;
- Outline how staff members contribute to supporting research goals; and will
- Provide a handout on resources to locate additional information.

9:40am – 10:00am

**Office of the Academic Senate:**

Guest Speaker – Laura Martin, Executive Director of the Office of the Academic Senate.

The Merced Division of the Academic Senate is the conduit through which the UC Merced faculty, as per the powers delegated to them by the Board of Regents, share in the governance, operation and management of the University. Through the Academic Senate's deliberative committee structure, the faculty are empowered to determine academic policy, set conditions for admission and the granting of degrees, authorize and supervise courses and curricula, and advise the administration on faculty personnel actions, academic space and resource allocation, and budgets. During the presentation, Laura will:

- Discuss the academic senate as an organization and its purpose;
- Discuss and identify how staff contribute to faculty research and instruction;
- identify how staff can partner with Academic Senate; and will
- Provide a handout on resources to locate additional information.

10:00am – 10:55am

**World Café**

- Introductions
- Question #1: What did you learn about UC Merced that you did not know before today's session?
- Question #2: How does this impact your view of your role working at UC Merced?
- Question #3: How do you imagine using this information throughout your workday?

10:55am – 11:00am

Wrap-up