The Academic Planning Council (APC) is a joint Administration and Senate committee that raises questions, frames issues, and guides analyses concerning the university’s overall size, shape, and long-range academic direction. APC addresses issues that are of magnitude beyond single-campus resolution such as long range enrollment, academic policies, and the impact of systemwide policies on academic matters. APC also has revision authority over the Compendium: Universitywide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units and Research Units. In working on these matters, APC may convene a subcommittee, initiate a special study, or take another approach to gather information and advice. APC serves in an advisory capacity to the Provost of the University of California. Administration and student members are appointed by the Provost; Senate members are appointed by the Chair of the Academic Council.

APC Membership

- The Academic Planning Council has twenty members.
- The Academic Planning Council has an equal number of Administration and Senate members.
- Senate members serve one-year terms and may serve multiple terms. Administration members serve two-year terms and may serve multiple terms.
- It is intended that every UC campus have at least one member on APC representing either the Senate or campus Administration.
- Individuals with relevant expertise on matters before the Academic Planning Council may serve as members on an ad hoc basis.

Chair: Provost and Executive Vice President
Vice Chair: Chair of the Academic Council

Academic Senate members:
- Vice Chair of the Academic Council
- Two Divisional Chairs
- Chairs of the following Academic Senate committees or their designees:
  - Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs
  - University Committee on Academic Personnel
  - University Committee on Educational Policy
  - University Committee on Planning and Budget
  - University Committee on Research Policy
Campus and UCOP Administration members:
- Executive Vice Chancellor
- Graduate Dean
- Undergraduate Dean
- Vice Chancellors of:
  - Planning and Budget
  - Research
  - Student Affairs
- Two Administrative Officers from the Office of the President for whom current APC issues are relevant to their departments, e.g., Academic Personnel and Programs, Budget Analysis and Planning, Institutional Research and Academic Planning, Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Students:
- Undergraduate student
- Graduate student