

Informal Description of Academic Senate Committees

ACADEMIC FREEDOM (ACFR)

Considers and reports on conditions of academic freedom within the University. Meets once a month.

ACADEMIC PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION (CAPRA)

Initiates and advises on annual and long-range academic and physical planning. Meets twice a month Wednesdays 9-11

ADMISSIONS, ENROLLMENT & PREPARATORY EDUCATION (AEPE)

Considers and reports on policies and practices affecting the composition of the Berkeley undergraduate student population. Meets twice a month Fridays 10-12

ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION (AREP)

Represents the Berkeley Division at meetings of the Statewide Assembly. Meets 8-9 times a year.

BUDGET & INTERDEPARTMENTAL RELATIONS (BIR) term begins July 1. (Step 6 and above)

Represents the Division in academic appointment and promotion matters.

COMMITTEES (COMS) (members are elected for 2 year terms)

Appoints the chair, vice chair, secretary, parliamentarian and standing committees, and special committees as the Division may direct. Nominates faculty for appointment to administrative committees. Fall, meets twice a month on Wednesdays 12-2; spring meetings every Wednesday 12-2.

COMPUTING & COMMUNICATIONS (COMP)

Advises the Chancellor and the Division on all matters relating to computers, information systems and communications. Meets once a month.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION (COCI)

Approves new courses and modification in existing courses; considers requests for variances in course and graduation requirements. Meets twice a month on Fridays 1:30-3:30

DIVISIONAL COUNCIL (DIVCO) (at-large members are elected)

Acts on behalf of the Division on matters other than legislation retained by the Division. Coordinates the activities of standing and special committees. Meets twice a month Mondays 12-2

EDUCATIONAL POLICY (CEP)

Considers policy matters affecting the educational mission of the campus, including allocation of resources and establishment / disestablishment of educational units. Meets twice a month Wednesdays 2-4

FACULTY AWARDS (FA)

Proposes recipients of Clark Kerr Award (advancement of higher education) and of various external awards for faculty. Chooses recipient of the Berkeley Faculty Service Award. Meets as needed.

FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURES (FRL) (committee consists of the most recent lecturers)

Nominates for the approval by the Divisional Council two members of the Division who have made distinguished records in research. Meets as needed.

FACULTY WELFARE (FWEL)

Working with administration, considers issues of Faculty welfare: such as, employment conditions, dependent care, housing & retirement. Meets twice a month.

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

Exercises administrative and coordinating functions in the Graduate Division. Meets once a month Mondays 2-4:30

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (IE)

Advises the Chancellor on relevant academic matters, including the Education Abroad Program, and initiates policy recommendations regarding study abroad. Meets twice a month.

LIBRARY (LIBR)

Advises the Chancellor regarding administration of the Library. Meets once a month.

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS (CMR)

Responsible for the preparation and publication of commemorative statements concerning deceased members of the Division. Committee work done on-line.

OMBUDSPERSONS

Hear complaints from academic personnel regarding actions by members of the Division and other officers of the University, by students, or by staff.

PANEL OF COUNSELORS (POC)

Provides advice and may act as mediators in cases within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Privilege & Tenure.

PRIVILEGE & TENURE (P&T)

Hears complaints from officers of instruction regarding various matters of academic privilege, appointment, tenure, and promotion.

PRIZES (PRIZ)

Supervises the award of Berkeley student prizes. Meetings primarily in the spring.

RESEARCH (COR)

Awards research grants and advises the Chancellor in matters of research policy. Meets once a month.

RULES & ELECTIONS

Supervises elections and other Divisional votes. Interprets Divisional legislation. Meets once a month.

STATUS OF WOMEN & ETHNIC MINORITIES (SWEM)

Promotes departmental efforts to achieve equality for women and minorities. Meets once a month.

STUDENT AFFAIRS (STA)

Consults with student organizations and brings student views to the attention of other Senate committees. Meets once a month.

STUDENT DIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (SDAD)

This committee advises and reviews pre-college to graduate level programs aimed at helping outstanding students who have encountered restricted educational opportunities due to racial, ethnic, gender preferences, or other socio-economic conditions achieve their academic promise. Meets once a month Fridays from 9-11

TEACHING (COT)

Promotes good teaching and evaluates candidates for the Distinguished Teaching Awards. Awards educational grants.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS & HONORS (CUSH)

Recommends to the Chancellor policies related to awarding of all undergraduate financial aid; award; sets criteria for awarding undergraduate honors. Meets primarily in spring.

UNIVERSITY - EMERITI RELATIONS (UER)

Represents the interests of emeriti and communicates their needs to appropriate bodies of the Division.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION (UEXT)

Advises on the functions, programs, and policies of Extension. Meets once a month.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE BREADTH REQUIREMENT IN AMERICAN CULTURES (AMCULT)

Evaluates courses with respect to Regulation 300 (Breadth Requirement in the study of American Cultures). Meets once a month Fridays 9-11

PROTECTION FOR HUMAN SUBJECTS (CPHS) (Office Of Vice Chancellor for Research)

Reviews research proposals for compliance with regulations for Protection of Human Subjects.