

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF MEETING¹
BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

The Fall meeting of the Berkeley Division met at 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, in Sibley Auditorium at the Bechtel Engineering Center, pursuant to call. Professor William Drummond, chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. A quorum of 50 Senate members was not attained during the meeting.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the April 27, 2006 spring meeting of the Division were not considered in the absence of a quorum.

II. Announcements by the President

President Robert C. Dynes was unable to attend.

III. Other Announcements

A. Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau

Chancellor Birgeneau remarked upon the excellence of Berkeley faculty, several of whom were recognized by prestigious awards this year. Berkeley is successful in attracting new faculty and graduate students, and produces a significant number of doctorates each year. Berkeley continues to have an impact on the California economy.

- Diversity: In spite of Proposition 209's limitations, Berkeley has continued to work toward increasing its numbers of underrepresented minority students.
- Vice chancellor for equity and inclusion: The search to fill this new vice chancellorial seat is underway.
- Budget: The Chancellor provided an update on the administration's response to the Senate's critical budget priorities identified by the Senate's Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA).
 - Classroom facilities and technology: Additional funding is being directed to upgrade classrooms. A recently approved infrastructure bond will provide additional support.
 - Temporary Academic Staff (TAS): Additional funding is also being identified for TAS, particularly for the humanities and social sciences.
 - Capital campaign: The capital campaign will seek private donations to provide endowments for faculty and to advance several building projects now being planned.
- Infrastructure: A number of campus building renovations and new building plans are in progress.
- New initiatives: Diversity research and biomass energy conversion are among the new academic initiatives this year.
- Senior management: Scott Biddy has been appointed as vice chancellor for university relations to replace Donald McQuade, who has returned to teaching. Genaro Padilla, former vice chancellor for student affairs, has

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also resigned to return to teaching. Harry Le Grande will serve as interim vice chancellor.

In response to audience questions about faculty benefits and compensation, the Chancellor stated that a resumption of individual retirement contributions is inevitable, but he doesn't anticipate further erosion of health benefits. He added that sufficient additional funding for faculty salaries is unlikely to come from the state, so faculty salaries are being targeted in the capital campaign.

B. Berkeley Division Chair William Drummond

Chair Drummond presented a brief overview of Divisional business.

- Compensation: Office of the President is taking steps to increase transparency. Senior management and staff compensation have been made available.
- Grade distributions: Berkeley has agreed to post undergraduate course grade distributions on the website of Pick-A-Prof, a for-profit company. But the campus is also making the data available on its own website, along with additional features that will benefit both students and instructors. (Courses of fewer than 10 students will be excluded from the public posting).
- Online bio-bibliography: The prototype for a web-based bio-bibliography is under development and will be piloted in an early-adaptor department.
- Public affairs: Chair Drummond and Division Vice Chair Sheldon Zedeck participated in a self-study by the Public Affairs Office. It is hoped that the Senate will benefit from greater visibility in the future.

C. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Joyce Liou

Joyce Liou, ASUC vice president for academic affairs, asked for faculty support for extracurricular activities that enhance the quality of student life. An added benefit would be greater alumni loyalty.

D. Graduate Assembly Academic Affairs Vice President Mariyam Cementwala

Mariyam Cementwala, Graduate Assembly's vice president for academic affairs, focused on three key issues of concern for graduate students:

1. Lower Sproul redevelopment: The lower Sproul plaza has great potential as a center for student services; the GA plans a survey of graduate student needs.
2. Student families: Berkeley should be more family-friendly to graduate students with children.
3. Health care: The range of health care services and dependent health care should be made more accessible and affordable for graduate students and their families.

IV. Special Orders-Consent Calendar

*For proposed legislative amendments, **additions** to the current text are noted by an underline; **deletions** to the current text are noted by a strikethrough line*

A. Proposed Amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 24

In recent years, there has been a growing sense on the Committee on Research (COR) that it should serve as a stronger voice on campus, similar to other divisional CORs, in representing faculty more proactively with regard to the full spectrum of research issues and concerns, and when appropriate, as determined by the Division, an oversight role. The proposed bylaw amendment is intended

to strengthen COR's charge. The Committee on Rules and Elections and Divisional Council approved the proposed amendment.

24. RESEARCH

A. Membership

This Committee has a Chair, a Vice Chair, and at least fifteen members. (Am. 4.29.04)

B. Duties

- ~~• This Committee makes recommendations to the Chancellor concerning applications by members of the Division for research grants and for travel expenses to attend meetings of learned societies;~~
- ~~• Represents the Division in all matters relating to the review of Organized Research Units; and~~
- ~~• Advises the Chancellor in matters relating to research policy.~~
- This Committee advises the Division in all matters pertaining to the research mission of the Division and the University;
- Confers with and advises the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor-Research on faculty perspectives regarding research policy matters;
- Maintains regular contact with other Committees of the Division on matters relating to research policy and allocations, such as the Committees on the Library, Computing and Communications, and Academic Planning and Resource Allocation;
- Establishes policies and procedures governing allocations to the Committee, administers and allocates funds designated for research according to established policy; determines recipients of faculty research and travel grants, and;
- Makes recommendations to the VC-Research based on review reports of Organized Research Units.

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as noticed.

V. Reports of Special Committees (None)

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education

Professor Bob Jacobsen, chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE), made note of the process of shared governance in the admissions process. Due to the huge number of applications received, this year those which score as clearly admissible or clearly not admissible will again be given a single read. The middle range applications will receive a second read. All applications go through an extensive series of post-read reviews. This optimizes efforts to identify those applicants with the greatest potential for academic success and furthers the University's goal to provide access to all students on the basis of their context. Chair Jacobsen encouraged interested faculty to become involved in selection of the Chancellor's and Regents' scholars, through the Division's Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships and Honors.

Topics for the coming year include:

- Fine-tuning the admissions process.

- Consideration of admissions policies for domestic non-resident and international students.

B. Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation

Professor Calvin Moore, chair of the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), emphasized the importance of careful budgetary planning as state funding declines. It is necessary for the intercollegiate athletics department to eliminate its deficit and become self-supporting, so that athletics activities do not compete with academic programs.

VII. Petitions of Students (None)

VIII. Unfinished Business (None)

IX. University and Faculty Welfare

A. Undergraduate Outcomes Task Force report

The Undergraduate Outcomes Task Force, a joint Senate/administrative committee, recently released a report on undergraduate education and the effectiveness of outcome assessment at Berkeley. Task force member Caroline Kane (professor of molecular and cell biology and chair of the Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development) and co-chair Christina Maslach (vice provost for undergraduate education and acting dean of the College of Letters and Science) summarized key points from the report on a panel moderated by Division Vice Chair Sheldon Zedeck.

Two guiding principles were identified: the units should define their parameters for undergraduate learning outcomes locally, and greater academic support for assessment is needed. Undergraduate learning outcome assessment will be added to academic program reviews, beginning in pilot departments. The report recommended that the campus work to improve access and sharing of its collected data and analyses. The campus should also greatly expand the range of data that is collected, particularly for post-baccalaureate activities, and the types of student achievements beyond what is listed on the transcript. Educational assessment approaches are also changing nationally, which may affect campus planning for the future.

X. New Business

A. Resolution of congratulations

Whereas the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded George Fitzgerald Smoot III the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics,

And whereas this recognition for a member of the UC Berkeley faculty brings further distinction to the campus,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate expresses its sincerest congratulation to a man who epitomizes the finest qualities of a Berkeley faculty member.

Action was not taken on this item in the absence of quorum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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