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**MINUTES OF MEETING<sup>1</sup>**  
**BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2008**

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The spring meeting of the Berkeley Division was held on Thursday, April 24, 2007, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center, pursuant to call. Professor William Drummond, chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. Quorum was not attained, so no business was conducted. Chair Drummond announced that the audio recordings of this and future Division meetings would be posted on the Senate's website.

Academic Council Vice Chair Mary Croughan, a panelist in Item IX, brought her three young daughters to observe the meeting on "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day; she is one of the event's founders.

**I. Minutes (Enclosure 1)**

Due to the lack of quorum, the minutes of the November 8, 2007, fall Division meeting could not be approved and will be reconsidered at the next Division meeting.

**II. Announcements by the President**

UC President Robert C. Dynes was unable to attend.

**III. Other Announcements**

**A. Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau**

Chancellor Robert Birgeneau presented a progress report for the campus.

- Hewlett Challenge Grant: With a very strong donor response, Berkeley is well on the way towards completing nearly two-thirds of the 80 Hewlett endowed chairs within the first year, ahead of expectations. The \$2M departmental chairs and \$3M interdisciplinary chairs will provide a chairholder's allowance plus valuable funding for core support (such as faculty salaries and graduate student fellowships). The agreement also provides monies for investment to strengthen the University's endowments.
- Updates on multidisciplinary initiatives:
  - Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI): Professor Chris Somerville has been appointed director of the EBI. Forty-nine proposals have been selected as finalists out of 250 submissions, which will go to EBI researchers at Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, or the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. About one-third of the final proposals are in the social sciences. Planning is underway on the Helios Building.
  - Blum Center for Developing Economies: The center, focused on developing solutions to fight global poverty, is a good fit with the University's commitment to public service. Its interdisciplinary undergraduate program has already received extremely strong interest from students.
  - Siebel Stem Cell Institute: Berkeley is partnering with the Stanford University School of Medicine in this endeavor, supported by funding from several foundations, including a Hewlett interdisciplinary chair.

The institute will be housed in the Li Ka Shing Center now under construction on the former site of Warren Hall.

- Berkeley Diversity Research Initiative (BDRI): There is also strong donor interest in diversity, equity and inclusion research. Six faculty positions have been established in three BDRI clusters. One endowed chair has been established and another is near completion. The chairs will work with Gibor Basri, recently appointed vice chancellor for equity and inclusion, who is developing diversity-related strategic goals and initiatives for the next five to 10 years.
- Capital campaign: The public phase of the campaign will be announced on September 20.
- Undergraduate financial aid: Berkeley has done much to support disadvantaged students in attaining their educational goals, but the future looks challenging. Self-help levels are expected to increase, and the campus will need to work strategically to maintain accessibility not only for low income students, but also students from middle income levels. The Chancellor encouraged faculty and staff to take advantage of the "Chancellor's challenge," a matching program to provide need-based student grants.
- UC budget: Campus units should consider the State's cuts in funding a permanent decrease in support, for planning purposes.

**B. Berkeley Division Chair William Drummond**

Chair Drummond is nearing the end of his second term as Division chair, and he thanked many with whom he had worked, including Division Vice Chair Mary Firestone, who will succeed him as Division chair for 2008/2009.

In response to the resolution approved last year on the Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI), the Senate set up a committee to develop recommendations and guidelines for UC-industry partnerships. The committee's report is due this spring, and will be presented to the Senate during fall 2008. The committee was also asked to review plans for a partnership between King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) and the Department of Mechanical Engineering; that partnership was vetted by the Senate committee and has now moved forward.

**C. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Curtis Lee**

Vice President Lee provided an update on ASUC's priorities:

- Lower Sproul redevelopment: This project remains a high priority for students as a focal point for student services and a multicultural center; the Senate's support is valuable.
- Academic affairs grants: Grants enabled more students to expand their academic experiences through travel, but more funding is needed to continue offering these opportunities.
- Textbook costs: The faculty can help control textbook costs by submitting their textbook eDOPTIONs on time.
- Golden Apple Award: The ASUC selected Professor Ananya Roy (City & Regional Planning) as recipient of the Golden Apple Award, recognizing her excellence in teaching and her passion for research, which have been inspirational to students.

- D. **Graduate Assembly Campus Affairs Vice President Miguel Daal**  
Miguel Daal, Graduate Assembly (GA) vice president for campus affairs, focused his remarks on funding issues in this environment of budgetary shortfalls. A survey of 65 graduate student delegates from across campus resulted in the following budget priorities:
- Recommendations for cuts: Some funding might be freed up through cuts in administration and athletics programs.
  - Priority areas for protection: graduate financial aid and fellowships, graduate student instructorships (GSI); health services (especially mental health care and insurance coverage); and departmental support.

The GA also analyzed and ranked 16 ABBA (Activity Based Budgeting Approaches) categories according to their degree of relevance toward maintaining Berkeley's excellence as a research institution. Crucial areas which should be given "below average" budget cuts are: instruction (GSI positions), research, student experience (health and well-being issues), and equity and inclusion. The GA has forwarded its priorities to the administration.

#### IV. **Special Orders-Consent Calendar**

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##### A. **Proposed amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 5 (Special Meetings)**

The Committee on Rules and Elections (R&E) recommends amending Berkeley Division Bylaw 5.B so that 25 signatures are required to call a Special Meeting. In making this recommendation, members point out that seven signatures have been required to call a Special Meeting since at least 1905. The "Rules and Regulations of the Senate and Faculties" of that year state "upon the written request of seven Professors such [special] meeting must be called" (page 4). It is worth noting that the number of faculty at Berkeley during 1904-05 was 166 (see page 271 of *The Centennial Record of the University of California*). To further illustrate how the number of signatures has remained static while the number of Senate members has increased, R&E notes that 11 Senate members constituted quorum in 1905 ("Rules and Regulations," page 3). Members also reviewed the number of signatures required to call a Special Meeting at other Divisions, and found that seven is the lowest number of signatures required to call a Special Meeting in the UC Senate. The proposed amendment has been approved by both the Committee on Rules and Elections and Divisional Council.

#### 5. **MEETINGS (CC. 10.89)**

##### B. **Special**

- A Special Meeting of the Division may be called by the Chair. Upon written request of ~~seven~~ twenty-five voting members a Special Meeting must be called by the Chair or, in his or her absence or disability, by the Vice Chair.
- The call to a Special Meeting must be sent to all members of the Division at least five days of instruction prior to the meeting.

**B. Proposed amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 15 (Assembly Representation)**

The Division Chair is responsible for designating alternates to represent the Division in the Assembly. Recent experience has been one of increasing difficulty ensuring that the Division is fully represented. To remedy this situation, the Committee on Rules and Elections recommends increasing the number of alternates for Assembly Representation. The proposed amendment has been approved by both the Committee on Rules and Elections and Divisional Council.

**15. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION**

Membership

This Committee consists of:

- Chair of the Division, who is its Chair;
- Those other members of the Division who are ex officio members of the Assembly of the Academic Senate;
- Appointed Divisional representatives to the Assembly (as prescribed in Senate By-Law 105.A.4) appointed for two-year staggered terms; at least half of whom shall be elected members of the Divisional Council; and (Am. 10.25.94)
- ~~Three~~ At least six alternate Divisional Representatives, designated by the Division Chair to serve in the absence of a regular Representative (Legislative Ruling 4.71).

**C. Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaw 30 (Membership of the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation)**

The proposed amendment arose from the Committee on Computing & Communications (COMP). The committee feels that it is no longer a productive use of time for a member to serve in an ex officio capacity to the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA). Via DIVCO and other similar committees, COMP will continue to be asked to consider and comment on issues that fall within its purview. CAPRA has reviewed this proposed change, and concurs with it. Both the Committee on Rules and Elections and Divisional Council have approved the proposed amendments.

**30. ACADEMIC PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION** (Am. 9.91, 3.92)

**A. Membership**

This Committee has at least twelve members: a Chair, a Vice Chair, and at least four Senate members at large, appointed by the Committee on Committees; ~~five~~ four ex officio members: Vice Chair of the Divisional Council, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations, Chair of the Library Committee, ~~Chair of the Committee on Computing and Communications~~, the ASUC Vice President for Academic Affairs; and one additional student member.

**B. Duties**

1. Confer with and advise the Chancellor on policy regarding academic and physical planning, budget, and resource allocation, both annual and long range.
2. Initiate studies in planning and budget matters, and if necessary to accomplish the study, authorize establishment of ad hoc committees.

3. Maintain liaison with other Committees of the Division on matters relating to budget and planning.
4. Report regularly to the Divisional Council and to the Division.

**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 Robert Jacobsen, chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE), presented an update on undergraduate admissions. Over 48,000 freshman applications to Berkeley were received, a 10 percent increase over last year. Berkeley can admit at most, however, only about twenty percent of the total. As Berkeley's growth rate levels off, it becomes harder to make the student body more reflective of the state's diverse composition, but progress is being made. Notably, almost one-third came from students whose parents have no college degrees, and twenty percent came from low-income students, although academic indicators remain high. Berkeley also hopes to reach its goal of 10 percent international and nonresident students within the next few years.

UC is moving toward using comprehensive review systemwide and centralizing the process for greater efficiency. Some campuses, including Berkeley, are already using comprehensive review to consider an individual's unique qualifications and fit with the campus, but others are using a numerical index based on test scores, GPA, etc. to determine eligibility for guaranteed admission. Two proposals to shift the UC system to comprehensive review have been presented by the systemwide Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS). Berkeley can contribute much to this decision-making process, although Berkeley would be less affected by the proposals. Chair Jacobsen invites faculty to learn more about the review process.

A legal clarification from the Office of the President states that "recognized membership in a federally registered American Indian tribe is a political status not subject to the limitations of Proposition 209". This will be applied to outreach efforts, admissions policies, and related activities.

**B. Committee on Faculty Research Lectures**

Professor Judith Butler, chair of the Committee on Faculty Research Lectures, announced the 2008/2009 Faculty Research Lecturers, recognizing two scholars for outstanding contributions in their respective fields or for having opened new fields of research. Professor Robert Hass (English) and Professor Michael S. Levine (Molecular and Cell Biology) are this year's recipients. Professor Hass, a member of Berkeley's faculty since 1989, has served as U.S. poet laureate and is a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize. He is an acclaimed poet, gifted with powers of keen observation and expression. Professor Levine is known for the high quality of his research and teaching. His work has been influential in the understanding of genetic processes in the growth of embryos, including transcriptional control and gene activity in embryonic diversification.

**C. Committee on Rules and Elections**

Professor Daniel Melia, chair of the Committee on Rules and Elections, presented the results of the Division's first electronic election. It went smoothly, with only a few minor problems. Voter response was comparable to previous paper ballot elections: 342 total (340 electronic; 2 paper). There were no invalid ballots.

Senate members elected to Divisional Council:

James Hunt, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Anthony Long, Classics  
Oliver O'Reilly, Mechanical Engineering

Senate members elected to the Committee on Committees of the Berkeley Division:

Steven Justice, English  
Nicholas Mills, Environmental Science, Policy, & Management  
Kurt Organista, Social Welfare  
Kristofer Pister, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

**D. Committee on Teaching**

Professor Kevis Goodman, co-chair of the Committee on Teaching (COT), announced the recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award: Professor Nezar AlSayyad (Architecture, and City and Regional Planning); Professor Karl Ashoka Britto (French and Comparative Literature); Professor Stefano DellaVigna (Economics); and Professor Kaja Silverman (Rhetoric). COT also conferred the 2008 Educational Initiatives Award upon the Biology Scholars Program and the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program. All these recipients were celebrated at a ceremony held the previous evening.

Besides making the selections for these two awards, this past year the committee also conducted workshops for new faculty, reviewed policy, continued support of the Presidential Chair Fellows Program, and contributed to creation of the Lecturer Teaching Fellows Program in partnership with the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

**E. Committee on Faculty Awards (Enclosure 2)**

Chair Drummond announced the recipients of the Berkeley Faculty Service Award, commending Professor Meg Conkey (Anthropology) and Professor Herbert Strauss (Chemistry) for their dedicated service to the University, and their contributions to shared governance. Details about their accomplishments are included in the committee's annual report enclosure.

**VII. Petitions of Students (None)**

**VIII. Unfinished Business (None)**

**IX. University and Faculty Welfare**

**A. Management of the national laboratories at Los Alamos, Livermore and Berkeley by the University of California, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Bechtel Corporation**

A panel was introduced, with their affiliation and area of expertise:

- o Steven Beckwith, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (restructuring of the Office of the President [UCOP], and UC's role in the Board of Governors);

- Michael T. Brown, chair of the Academic Senate (positions of Academic Assembly and the Academic Council Special Committee on Lab Issues [ACSCOLI]);
- Mary Croughan, vice chair of the Academic Senate (ACSCOLI issues);
- William Eklund, UC Office of the General Counsel (laboratory contracts and relationships).

Prior to 2006, UC was the sole manager of the three national labs; the national lab at Berkeley is now the only one still managed solely by UC. At Los Alamos and Livermore, UC is partnered with private industry under limited liability contracts. Of concern to many is the possibility that if the federal government were to decide to increase weapons production for national security reasons, Los Alamos would be the most likely production site, and UC no longer has the option of an exit clause in the lab contract. (The Livermore lab is not involved in nuclear pit production and would not be affected.) The current contracts and other information are available online.

A 2003 survey of Academic Senate members showed that, of the one-third of UC faculty who responded, a majority strongly favored continuing UC's relationship with the national laboratories and improving the quality of science and technology research, with Senate oversight. A majority of the respondents felt UC should retain responsibility for management of lab safety and security, and were opposed to UC involvement in weapons production. ACSCOLI was created to provide Senate oversight on the contract competitions for Livermore and Los Alamos; the contracts were awarded in 2007. The Academic Assembly later approved a resolution expressing deep concern over the lab contracts, after it was found that UC was no longer protected by an exit clause.

During a Question and Answer period at the division meeting, Senate members reiterated those concerns, noting a lack of consensus among UC leadership. Vice President Beckwith suggested that keeping UC personnel deeply involved with laboratory management and building strong intellectual ties between the entities would help to protect UC's interests.

**X. New Business (None)**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Daniel Melia  
Secretary (Spring 2008), Berkeley Division

Handout A: Academic Assembly resolution on limiting UC's role in manufacturing nuclear weapons.