

APPROVED
MINUTES OF MEETING¹
BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Thursday, April 19, 2007

The spring meeting of the Berkeley Division was held on Thursday, April 19, 2007, in Booth Auditorium at Boalt Hall, School of Law, pursuant to call. Professor William Drummond, chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. Attendance was just below quorum so official business could not be conducted. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with announcements.

I. Minutes

No action was taken on the minutes of the April 27, 2006 and November 14, 2006 meetings of the Division due to the lack of quorum. The minutes of the special meeting held on April 19, 2007, just prior to this meeting, would be prepared for distribution at the fall 2007 Division meeting.

II. Announcements by the President

President Robert C. Dynes was unable to attend.

III. Other Announcements

A. Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau

Chancellor Birgeneau was unable to attend; Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost George Breslauer (EVCP) attended on his behalf. The EVCP emphasized that the administration works to support Berkeley's excellence and, referring to the special Division meeting on the Energy Biosciences Institute immediately preceding this meeting, called for the campus community to move forward together.

The EVCP acknowledged that the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech has reinforced a sense of responsibility in campus officials to maintain up to date disaster response procedures and policies, in conjunction with the Academic Senate. There are on-going efforts systemwide to improve student mental health services as well.

The EVCP responded to Chair Drummond's request for an update on faculty compensation. The EVCP served on a systemwide work group that found over 60 percent of UC faculty are off-scale. Steps are being taken to bring salary scales closer to market rates in an equitable manner. In response to another query, the EVCP responded that lowering tuition for children of faculty had not been part of the charge to the work group and had not been considered.

B. Berkeley Division Chair William Drummond

Chair Drummond thanked the committee chairs for their service this year. He also commended the Senate staff for their efforts in organizing the Division meetings.

C. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Joyce Liou

Joyce Liou, vice president for academic affairs of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC), presented an update on ASUC's priorities. ASUC partnered with Pick-a-Prof.com in March to post course evaluations and

¹ Recordings of Divisional Meetings are available in the Academic Senate Office, 320 Stephens Hall.

faculty grade histories online. The course evaluation is based on CalFacts, a service originally developed by the ASUC in conjunction with the Committee on Educational Policy. The students feel an online, public system will enhance their educational experience, and see benefits to the faculty as well.

D. Graduate Assembly Academic Affairs Vice President Mariyam Cementwala
Mariyam Cementwala, Graduate Assembly (GA) vice president for academic affairs, highlighted three issues.

- Graduate student life and mental health: The Virginia Tech event highlights the crucial importance of student mental health services. The GA recommends improving funding for the Tang Center to strengthen its services and expand educational outreach. The recently approved registration fee increase directed toward mental health services will help, but additional funding, more counselors and better medical coverage are still needed.
- Lower Sproul redevelopment: Though graduate students clearly desire a graduate student center, the referendum to provide funding failed. The GA continues to support funding for this project.
- Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI): The GA recently passed a resolution on the EBI, calling for graduate student participation in the research addressing our common concerns about global climate change.

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 23

The Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P&T) proposes to increase its membership from five to at least seven members. The increased membership would allow P&T to appoint members to *either* a pre-hearing or a hearing panel when it considers grievance cases. This division between pre-hearing and hearing panels is not required by P&T's governing bylaws, nor is it always necessary, but it is a prudent practice that affirms P&T's impartiality, especially in contentious cases.

In addition, P&T proposes the removal of the phrase "all matters affecting the privilege or tenure of officers of instruction of the Division." This phrase appears to conflict with Academic Senate Bylaws 334-337, which limit P&T's jurisdiction to cases involving "members of the Academic Senate," except in early termination cases. P&T proposes new language that conforms to Academic Senate bylaws.

The Committee on Rules and Elections and Divisional Council approved the proposed amendments.

23. PRIVILEGE AND TENURE

A. Membership

This Committee has ~~five~~ at least seven members.

B. Duties

This Committee takes cognizance of ~~all matters affecting the privilege or tenure of officers of instruction of the Division.~~ matters in accordance with Academic Senate Bylaws 334, 335, 336, and 337.

The principles and procedures governing its conduct are set forth in Senate By-Laws 334, 335, 336, and 337. (AM 10.24.02)

B. Proposed Amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 35

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) proposes changes to more accurately describe CEP's duties within the Division. The Committee on Rules and Elections and Divisional Council approved the proposed amendments.

35. EDUCATIONAL POLICY

B. Duties (Am. 4.29.04)

- Considers and reports upon matters involving questions of educational policy;
- Initiates proposals involving questions of educational policy;
- ~~Represents~~ Advises the Division in all matters relating to educational policy, including significant changes in the allocation of campus resources;
- Makes recommendations to ~~the Chancellor~~ Divisional Council on the establishment and disestablishment of curricula, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, bureaus and the like (See Regulation 300. American Cultures Breadth Requirement) (CC. 4.89); and
- Participates in campus program review of academic departments and units, paying special attention to matters involving undergraduate education.

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as noticed.

V. Reports of Special Committees

None

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Rules and Elections

Division Secretary Daniel Melia, chair of the Committee on Rules and Elections, announced the results of the Division's election; 370 valid and 8 invalid ballots were received.

Senate members elected to the Divisional Council:

Steven Beissinger (Environmental Science, Policy, and Management)
Ralph Catalano (Public Health)
Lisa Pruitt (Mechanical Engineering)

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

Raymond Jeanloz (Earth & Planetary Science)
Aihwa Ong (Anthropology)
Loren Partridge (History of Art)

No nominations were submitted for the Committee on Committees of the College of Letters and Science.

B. Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education

Professor Robert Jacobsen, chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE), presented a report on the committee's work in undergraduate admissions, in collaboration with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. AEPE has responsibility for the application read policy, norming readers, and more deeply reviews those applications on the borderline of admission or denial. This year over 10,000 were admitted, with slightly increased numbers of economically underprivileged students and underrepresented minorities. Faculty can assist in encouraging these students to enroll by participating in outreach activities such as Cal Day.

The committee plans to focus more attention on increasing international student admissions, particularly at the freshman and transfer levels, and evaluating outcomes and international student success.

C. Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation

Professor Calvin Moore, chair of the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), provided an update on CAPRA's activities.

- Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI): CAPRA has been involved in the contract discussions since August.
- Intercollegiate athletics: CAPRA strongly recommended that the intercollegiate athletics deficit be reduced to zero after 10 years, with an intermediate step of \$4-5M within five years. The administration has agreed to work toward the latter; CAPRA will follow up on its full recommendation.
- Haas Executive Education Center: The committee has reviewed plans for the business school's proposed center.
- Campus budget process: The committee developed recommendations for the campus budget based upon discussions conducted with senior administrators
- Student mental health: CAPRA supports implementation of the administration's Tier I plan to strengthen student mental health services, bringing those services closer to national standards.

D. Committee on Faculty Research Lecture

Professor Judith Butler, a member of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecture (FRL), presented the 2006/07 awardees on behalf of FRL Chair Robert Tjian, who could not attend. Professor Jean Fréchet (Chemistry) and Professor Daniel Boyarin (Near Eastern Studies/Rhetoric) are honored for significant contributions made in their respective fields.

Professor Daniel Boyarin, Hermann P. and Sophia Taubmann Professor of Talmudic Culture, has researched and published on a wide range of topics from Rabbinical studies to, more recently, research in Greek and Christian writings. He is a passionate scholar and researcher with an 'intellectual restlessness'.

Professor Jean Fréchet, Henry Rapoport Chair of Organic Chemistry, is a pioneer in organic chemistry and polymer science whose discoveries have had influential applications in such areas as semiconductor microprocessor manufacture, fiber-optic and photovoltaic systems, gene therapy and in the development of drugs and vaccines.

E. Committee on Faculty Awards

Professor Bob Buchanan, chair of the Committee on Faculty Awards (FA), announced the committee's selections for two awards.

Two Senate members have been selected for the Berkeley Faculty Service Award this year: Professor Herma Hill Kay (Law) and Professor Carol Clover (Scandinavian Studies/Film Studies). The awardees were recognized for their outstanding service to the Division.

The Clark Kerr Award for contributions to higher education is to be presented to Berkeley's Professor Karl Pister (Civil and Environmental Engineering).

F. Committee on Teaching

Professor Oliver O'Reilly (Mechanical Engineering), chair of the Committee on Teaching (COT), announced the recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award: Andrew Garrett, Associate Professor (Linguistics); Steven Goldsmith, Associate Professor (English); Eileen A. Lacey, Associate Professor (Integrative Biology) and Associate Curator, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology; and Kathleen McCarthy, Associate Professor (Classics and Comparative Literature). The Biology 1B Field Station in the Department of Integrative Biology is the recipient of the Educational Initiatives Award. The awardees will be honored at a ceremony on April 25 in Zellerbach Hall. Chair O'Reilly commended all those who were involved in the nomination process for their efforts.

COT also supervised the award of 39 educational minigrants for teaching; information about these minigrants is available through the Office of Educational Development.

VII. Petitions of Students (None)

VIII. Unfinished Business (None)

IX. University and Faculty Welfare (None)

X. New Business (None)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Daniel Melia
Secretary, Berkeley Division