List of Activities

The following summarizes Divisional Council and Divisional activities and actions for 2011-2012, including the date(s) of the action. Please refer to the Divisional Council approved minutes and communications for details.

Bob Jacobsen
Chair, 2011-2012
Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate

Academic Programs

• Approved the 2010 academic review of the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) and forwarded comments to Chancellor Robert Birgeneau for inclusion in his response to the UC Office of Research and Graduate Studies. (9/12/11)
• Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of East Asian Languages and Culture to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (10/10/11)
• Forwarded its endorsement of a proposal for a part-time, self-supporting Master of Engineering degree program to the vice provost for the faculty to forward to the UC Coordinating Committee of Graduate Affairs. (10/10/11)
• Forwarded comments to the Council of Deans on “Re-Imagining Undergraduate Education at Berkeley”. (10/10/11)
• Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Nuclear Engineering to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (10/24/11)
• Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (3/12/12)
• Forwarded comments on the review of the UC observatories to Academic Council. (3/12/12)
• Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (5/14/12)
• Approved a name change proposed from the Graduate Group in Molecular and Biochemical Nutrition (MBN) to the Graduate Group in Metabolic Biology. (7/27/12)
Policies

- Forwarded comments on the proposed revised APM 200 (Appointment and Promotion, General) and proposed new APM 205 (Recall for Academic Appointees) to Academic Council. (10/24/11)
- Declined to endorse a proposed new personnel policy, APM 668 (negotiated salary program) and forwarded comments to Academic Council. (11/7/11)
- Declined to endorse the proposed revisions to APM 670 (Health Sciences Compensation Plan), and forwarded comments to Academic Council and the Chancellor. (11/28/11)
- Declined to endorse proposed amendments to Senate Regulation 610 (Residency) and forwarded comments to Academic Council. (11/28/11)
- Forwarded comments on the final report of the Task Force on Berkeley Extension Degree Programs to the dean of Berkeley Extension and the executive vice chancellor and provost. (1/30/12)
- Authorized the formation of a task force on online education initiatives. (3/19/12)
- Forwarded comments on the report of the International Strategy Task Force to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (4/2/12)
- Forwarded comments to Academic Council on the Board on Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) proposal for major-based transfer admission to the University of California. (4/16/12)
- Declined to endorse the recommendations of the steering committee of the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) without more information. (4/16/12)
- Endorsed a proposal from the Committee on Student Affairs for a student honor code and a joint Senate-administrative committee. Recommended the formation of a joint committee on the honor code to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (4/30/11, 5/14/12)

Legislation

Enacted Legislation

All items placed on the Division meeting consent calendars were approved.

- Approved proposed amendments to Berkeley Division (B.D.) Regulation 952 (Master of Public Health Degree) for placement on the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the fall Division meeting. (8/29/11)
- Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Regulation 1530 (Master of Development Practice) for placement on the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the fall Division meeting. (8/29/11)
- Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Bylaw 42 (Committee on the Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities) for placement on the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the fall Division meeting. (8/29/11)
- Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Regulations 400 (Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in the College of Chemistry) and 403 Joint Major Curricula [College of Chemistry], and to B.D. Regulation 561 (Interdisciplinary and Joint Major Curricula), for placement on the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the fall Division meeting. (10/10/11)
- Approved new B.D. Bylaw 34 (Committee on Demonstrations and Student Actions) for the special orders-consent calendar of the spring Division meeting. (4/16/12)
- Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Regulations 600-606 (Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Environmental Design) for the special orders-consent calendar of the spring Division meeting. (2/27/12)
- Approved a proposed amendment to B.D. Bylaw 47 (Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships and Honors) for the special orders-consent calendar of the spring Division meeting. (3/19/12)

Faculty/University Welfare

- Forwarded comments on the “Analysis of UC Pay Equity by Sex, and Among Men, Ethnicity, 2009-10” to Academic Council. (11/7/11)
- Approved a statement to the Division on principles of nonviolent campus protest, and called for the investigation of a specific incident. (11/14/11)
- Authorized Division Chair Jacobsen to release a statement encouraging the campus community to work together. (11/21/11)
• Responded to the graduate student bill of rights and responsibilities. (11/28/11)
• Authorized Chair Jacobsen to co-sign with the Chancellor a message to the campus community regarding teaching and conduct during campus protests. (2/27/12)
• Forwarded comments to Academic Council on the report of the Faculty Salaries Task Force. (3/12/12, 4/2/12)
• Referred the verification of dependents for benefits issue to the Committee on Faculty Welfare for consideration. (4/16/12)
• Endorsed posting of the Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development’s document on UC Berkeley admissions and diversity on the Division website. (5/14/12)
• Forwarded comments on the briefing paper of the Faculty Diversity Working Group of the President’s Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion. (5/14/12)
• Forwarded a recommendation in support of student mental health services to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (5/14/12)

Budget and Planning
• Approved a proposed policy change to the WarnMe campus emergency notification system. (9/26/11)
• Declined to endorse a Berkeley student Take Back the Tap Initiative presented by the Committee on Student Affairs. (2/27/12, 3/12/12)
• Approved and forwarded recommendations of the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation on the campus budget to the administration. (5/14/12)
• Forwarded a motion to the Chancellor recommending and supporting further consideration of “Modernizing Governance at the University of California” on a systemwide basis. (5/14/12)
• Forwarded a recommendation for a blue ribbon committee on the future of the Berkeley Library to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (5/14/12)

Informal comment to the administration
• Developed a strategy for addressing computing and technology issues. (3/19/12)

Awards and Honors
• Approved a proposal to endow and rename the Faculty Research Lectures as the Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lectures. (11/28/11)
• Approved two recipients of the 2012 Clark Kerr Award. (2/13/12)
• Approved the 2011 recipient of the Leon A. Henkin Citation for Distinguished Service. (2/27/12)
• Approved two Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lecturers for 2012-13. (4/2/12)
• Approved the 2012 recipient of the Leon A. Henkin Citation for Distinguished Service. (5/14/12)
• Approved five recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award. (3/19/12)
• Approved two recipients of the 2012 Berkeley Faculty Service Award. (5/14/12)

Senate Management
• Approved conflict of interest guidelines for DIVCO. (8/29/11)
• Approved revised guidelines for conducting Senate business electronically. (8/29/11)
• Confirmed appointments to standing committees of the Academic Senate. (9/12/11, 10/10/11, 10/24/11, 11/28/11, 1/30/12, 2/13/12, 2/27/12, 3/12/12, 4/2/12, 4/16/12, 4/30/12, 5/14/12)
• Approved the annual report for the Division. (10/10/11)
• Held two Division meetings on 11/2/11 and 5/2/12.
• Held a special Division meeting related to campus protests on 11/28/11. (11/21/11)
• Authorized the formation of a new Divisional standing committee on demonstrations and student actions. (1/30/12, 2/13/12)
• Conducted an electronic election for the Division and a runoff election in spring 2012. (4/30/12)
• Conducted an electronic vote on a memorial to the UC Regents in spring 2012. (4/30/12)
Senate Events

• Held a Senate leadership orientation on 9/7/11.
• Hosted a discussion on 12/6/11 with UC Provost Lawrence Pitts and faculty leadership about online education.
• Sponsored a Conversations with the Faculty event on 12/12/11.
• Held a Senate end of year reception on 5/8/12.

Cosponsored Events

• Cosponsored with the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost a faculty panel discussion on nonviolent protest and civil disobedience. (11/14/11)
• Cosponsored two faculty forums on 2/8/12 and 5/8/12 with the Office of Operational Excellence regarding its initiatives.
• Cosponsored the 6th Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) symposium, “The Research University Advantage”, held on 5/4/12, with the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching, Learning, Academic Planning and Facilities.