List of Activities

The following summarizes Divisional Council and Divisional activities and actions for 2013-2014, including the date(s) of the action. Please refer to the Divisional Council approved minutes and communications for details.

Academic Programs

- Approved the proposed discontinuance of the undergraduate major in Molecular Toxicology, College of Natural Resources, and forwarded committee comments to the vice provost for the faculty. (9/23/13)
- Endorsed the academic program review of the Energy and Resources Group (ERG) and forwarded comments to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (10/7/13)
- Forwarded recommendations on strengthening the academic program review process to the Program Review Oversight Committee. (10/7/13)
- Endorsed the proposed discontinuance of the joint Ph.D. program in Near Eastern Religions and forwarded comments to the vice provost for the faculty. (10/21/13)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Classics to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (10/21/13)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the School of Optometry to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (11/18/13)
- Endorsed the proposal for a certificate in Geographic Information Science and Technology (12/2/13)
- Declined to endorse the proposed revised policy on self-supporting graduate professional degree programs and forwarded comments to Academic Council. (1/27/14)
- Endorsed the review of the Department of Plant and Microbial Biology and forwarded comments to the vice provost for teaching, learning, and academic planning and facilities. (2/10/14)
- Forwarded endorsement of a proposal for Wednesday fall start days on the 2016-2020 academic calendars to the vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (2/24/14)
- Forwarded endorsement of a proposal for a certificate in real estate to the vice provost for the faculty. (3/10/14)
- Forwarded comments to Academic Council on proposed revisions to the Compendium: Universitywide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, and Research Units. (5/12/14)

Policies

- Submitted comments on proposed revisions to the APM 600 series on salary administration to Academic Council. (11/18/13)
- Endorsed proposed revisions to APM 035 (University of California Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence) and forwarded comments to Academic Council. (12/2/13)
- Endorsed proposed revisions to APM 025 (Conflict of Commitment), APM 670 (Health Sciences Compensation Plan), and the proposed new APM 671 (Conflict of Commitment and Outside Professional Activities of Health Sciences Compensation Plan Participants) to Academic Council. (12/2/13)
- Sent a recommendation to Academic Council to improve the procedures for reviews, by requesting that the administration provide a rationale for proposals, as well as a redline version of proposed revisions. (1/27/14)
• Forwarded comments on a draft policy on professional degree supplemental tuition to Academic Council. (2/10/14)
• Endorsed the Presidential Policy on Copyright and Fair Use and forwarded the comments of the Committee on Research (COR) to Academic Council. (5/12/14)

Legislation
• Forwarded comments on the proposed amendment of Senate Bylaw 55 (voting rights) to Academic Council. (11/18/13, 12/2/13). Declined to endorse proposed amendments in a second review and forwarded comments to Academic Council. (4/14/14)

Enacted Legislation
All items placed on the Fall and Spring Division meeting consent calendars were approved.
• Approved proposed amendments to Berkeley Division (B.D.) Bylaw 22.A (Committee on Memorial Resolutions) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the fall Division meeting. (10/21/13)
• Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Regulations 751, 754, and 755 (governing Master of Laws and the Doctor of the Science of Law degrees), and 952.B (Master of Public Health degree) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting. (3/10/14)
• Approved amendments of B.D. Bylaw 21 (Committee on Faculty Welfare, FWEL), B.D. Bylaw 25 (COR), and B.D. Bylaw 45 (Teaching, COT), for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar at the spring Division meeting. (4/14/14)
• Approved a new Division bylaw establishing the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate (DECC), for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar at the spring Division meeting. (4/14/14)
• Approved the proposed repeal of B.D. Bylaw 28 (Committee on University-Emeriti Relations, UER); B.D. Bylaw 42 (Committee on the Status of Women and Ethnic Minorities, SWEM); and B.D. Bylaw 44 (Committee on Student Diversity and Academic Development, SDAD), for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting. (4/28/14)

Faculty/University Welfare
• Declined to endorse the advising framework and forwarded comments to vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning and facilities. (10/7/13)
• Authorized the Division Chair to discuss Senate diversity committee representation on the UAB with the co-chair, vice provost for teaching, learning, academic planning, and facilities. (10/7/13)
• Forwarded a Campus Risk Management statement on alcohol to the Committee on Student Affairs (STA) and Graduate Council (GC). (11/18/13)
• Forwarded comments on emeriti health insurance coverage to Academic Council. (12/2/13)
• Forwarded comments to COT regarding its recommendations on teaching dossiers, peer observation, and peer review of teaching. (1/27/14, 5/12/14)
• Approved a recommendation regarding access to information about campus support services. (2/24/14)
• Forwarded endorsement of a budget proposal for Turnitin and iThenticate to the associate chief information officer. (3/10/14)
• Forwarded comments and SWEM’s recommendations for Berkeley [prepared in response to the Independent Investigative Report on Acts of Bias and Discrimination Involving Faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles (“Moreno Report”)], to the vice chancellor for equity and inclusion and the associate vice provost for the faculty. (3/31/14)
Budget and Planning

• Charged COR to report annually on indirect cost recovery (ICR). (9/9/13)
• Charged the committees on Educational Policy (CEP), Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), and Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE), to develop recommendations on undergraduate educational costs. (9/9/13)
• Charged COR to follow up on the distribution of indirect cost recovery funds to emeriti. (10/7/13)
• Forwarded a list of high priority topics to UC President Janet Napolitano for her campus visit. (10/7/13, 10/21/13, 11/18/13)
• Endorsed the report of the Commission on the Future of the UC Berkeley Library. (10/21/13)
• Approved a memorial to the Chancellor regarding the need for better control of financial planning for Lower Sproul Plaza redevelopment. (11/4/13)
• Authorized the Division chair and Division vice chair to speak with the Chancellor regarding CAPRA’s budget recommendations for 2013-14. (11/4/13)
• Endorsed the Committee on Library’s proposed review process for subject specialty libraries. (12/2/13, 2/10/14)
• Charged COR to conduct an annual survey on the use of grants provided through the faculty research funding pilot program, and to follow up on the use of ICR funding by the deans and Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. (3/10/14)
• Forwarded CAPRA’s 2014-15 budget recommendations to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (4/28/14, 5/12/14)
• Forwarded endorsement of the report of the Senate Athletics Council and forwarded its recommendations to Senate committees for action (CAPRA, AEPE, COMS). 5/12/14

Awards and Honors

• Approved the 2014 Clark Kerr Award recipient. (11/18/13)
• Approved three recipients of the 2013-14 Distinguished Teaching Award. (3/10/14, 3/31/14)
• Approved two Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lecturers for 2015-16. (3/31/14)

Senate Management

• Approved conflict of interest guidelines for DIVCO. (9/9/13)
• Confirmed appointments to standing committees of the Academic Senate. (9/23/13, 10/7/13, 10/21/13, 11/4/13, 12/2/13, 2/10/14, 2/24/14, 3/10/14, 4/14/14, 4/28/14, 5/12/14)
• Determined the membership of the Senate Athletics Council (SAC; formerly known as the Senate advisory group on intercollegiate athletics). (10/7/13, 11/4/13)
• Made recommendations on membership of the University Athletics Board. (10/7/13)
• Approved the 2012-13 annual report for the Division. (11/4/13)
• Approved authorization for the Division chair to act on behalf of Divisional Council during winter break. (12/2/13)
• Approved the policy regarding appointment of Senate representatives to joint Senate/administrative committees. (2/24/14)
• Approved strategies for strengthening the Senate committee system and the reorganization of some Senate committees. (3/10/14)
• Forwarded endorsement of a proposal for a joint Senate-administration information technology advisory committee to the chief information officer. (3/10/14, 4/14/14)
• Conducted an electronic election for the Division in spring 2014. (4/3/14)
• Responded to Academic Council regarding Berkeley’s status with respect to the University Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity’s recommendations for local diversity committee empowerment. (5/12/14)
• Held Division meetings on 11/21/13 and 5/1/14.

Senate Events

• Held a Senate leadership orientation on 9/12/13.
• Held a Senate end of year reception on 5/6/14.