

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

The fall meeting of the Berkeley Division was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2018, in the Alumni House Toll Room, pursuant to call. Professor Barbara Spackman, chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. The meeting commenced with a moment of silence for the victims of a mass shooting at a Philadelphia synagogue. The meeting then continued with the Chancellor's announcements, after which quorum of 50 members was confirmed, and the agenda was approved.

I. Minutes

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ACTION: Minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting of the Division were approved as presented.

II. Announcements by the President

President Janet Napolitano was unable to attend.

III. Other Announcements

A. Chancellor Carol Christ

Chancellor Christ reported on the campus budget. The campus is much closer to achieving a balanced budget, assisted by one-time funding from the State and new funds received through revenue-generation efforts. UC needs a more sustainable State funding philosophy to provide some stability. Berkeley is in the process of developing a new financial model; working group recommendations are due in February 2019.

The campus is moving forward with several goals identified in the strategic planning process last year. These include the Signature Initiatives, and efforts to support and enhance the student experience, promote diversity throughout the admissions process, and improve support for underrepresented minority students on campus.

A comprehensive fundraising campaign will be undertaken in 2019 or early 2020. The Chancellor will work on priorities for the campaign and a market study will be undertaken.

The Chancellor entertained a five minute Q&A session, during which she responded to comments and questions regarding the erosion of library funding, union contract negotiations, and administrative staffing.

B. Berkeley Division Chair Barbara Spackman

To improve transparency, the Division now posts approved minutes and issues under review online, and has initiated a biweekly online digest, *The Fortnightly*, reporting on Divisional Council's business. Division Chair Spackman encouraged Senate members to send in their comments on issues under consideration.

C. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Melany Amarikwa

Vice President Amarikwa reported on the life challenges students face that create a high level of stress, impeding their educational progress. The ASUC asked for a number of changes, including: increasing student representation on Senate committees to allow students greater input on issues that affect them, increased faculty diversity, increased accommodation as needed by students, and more support from the faculty.

IV. Special Orders-Consent Calendar
None

V. Reports of Special Committees
None

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education

Professor Ignacio Navarrete, chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE), reported that Berkeley's admissions process met the state's mandate this year. There are still concerns about the process with respect to accessibility and diversity.

Chair Navarrete pointed out that the admissions process is shaped in part by the State and the systemwide Academic Senate. The systemwide Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools is now considering guaranteed admissions for transfer students who meet admissions criteria, and standardized testing in admissions.

B. Committee on Faculty Research Lecture

Professor Francine Masiello, chair of the Committee on Faculty Research Lecture (FRL) encouraged nominations for the 2020 Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lectures. The deadline is January 14, 2019.

The Faculty Research Lecturers for 2019 are: Jill Banfield (Earth & Planetary Science and Environmental Science, Policy, and Management), and Alison Gopnik (Psychology).

VII. Petitions of Students (None)

VIII. Unfinished Business (None)

IX. University and Faculty Welfare (Discussion only)

A. Journal publishing negotiations

As co-chair of the publishing contract negotiating team, University Librarian (UL) Jeffrey MacKie-Mason updated the Senate on UC's contract negotiations with Elsevier, a major academic publisher. Elsevier's charges have increased prohibitively and are no longer sustainable. As a public institution, UC must uphold access. Librarians are looking for alternatives to Elsevier in case negotiations fail; research papers would be a little more difficult to find, but still

accessible. In open discussion, there was general support for resisting Elsevier's pricing, and some even suggesting a boycott.

B. Disability, accommodation, and accessibility at Berkeley

A panel discussed Berkeley's commitment to providing accommodation for disabled students at Berkeley and increasing the accessibility and affordability of course materials. Discussants were: Oscar Dubón, Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion; Karen Nielson, director of the Disabled Students' Program (DSP); and Richard Freishtat, vice president of curriculum, Berkeley Executive Education, formerly with the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Vice Chancellor Dubón provided an overview of campus efforts to identify disabilities and provide accommodation, and recommended a more centralized process.

The DSP provides support not only to DSP students but also supports faculty with training and resources to assist DSP students. Director Nielson indicated she believes the number of students with disabilities is underreported. Additional specialists are being hired.

Vice President Freishtat co-chaired the Course Content and Accessibility Committee. He indicated that Berkeley has taken a leadership role in promoting accessibility. He recommended a comprehensive approach, continued work on accessible course materials and tools for teaching, as well as more training for faculty and staff.

Faculty in the open discussion were very supportive of these efforts but forcefully outlined the need for more assistance and funding for accommodation, particularly for large courses. Some pointed out the side benefits for other groups; captioning helps international students as well.

X. New Business
None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Handout A: Disabled Students' Program, Fact Sheet and Resources, 10/30/18.