

APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, October 22, 2018 – 12:00 – 2:00 PM
Academic Senate Conference Room, 310 Stephens Hall

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, October 22, 2018, in the Academic Senate Conference Room in 310 Stephens Hall. Division Chair Barbara Spackman presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart. Undergraduate Council Chair (UGC) Jonah Levy was unable to attend and was represented by UGC Vice Chair Juana Maria Rodriguez.

I. MINUTES of the Meeting of October 8, 2018
Enclosure 1

Division Chair Spackman proposed a clarification to one sentence in her announcements.

ACTION: The minutes were approved as revised.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees nominations
Enclosure 2

Systemwide Nominations for 2018-19

University Committee on Academic Computing and Communications (UCACC)

Appointment of Professor Ethan Ligon (ARE) to serve on UCACC as the Berkeley representative in 2018-19.

Student Nominations for 2018-19

American Cultures Subcommittee (AMCULT)

Appointment of undergraduate student member Nicole Anyanwu to serve on AMCULT in 2018-19.

Prizes (PRIZ)

Appointment of undergraduate student member William Wang to serve on PRIZ in 2018-19.

ACTION: The nominations were approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fall Division meeting, October 29: The Division meeting will be held in the Alumni House Toll Room. There will be a presentation on journal negotiations, specifically the contract with Elsevier, and a panel on disability accommodation, and accessibility and affordability of course materials.
- Data privacy: The Committee on Faculty Welfare (FWEL) has withdrawn its request from the September 24 DIVCO meeting to form a task force on UCPATH implementation and data privacy. Instead, FWEL will meet with several individuals involved in UCPATH planning.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of the Department of Astronomy

Enclosures 3a – 3f

Both Divisional Council and the external review committee commended the department for its model response to climate issues in the wake of a sexual harassment case. It is hoped that the changes become embedded in departmental culture and that efforts to maintain a healthy climate will continue.

Key discussion points included the following:

- DIVCO supports the department's hiring plan. The Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental noted that not all of the proposed hires can be supported through the regular FTE allocation process.
- A women-only forum would have been helpful during the review process.
- New graduate students should be more closely monitored during their first year.
- There should be an examination of why the average time to degree is longer for transfer students. Council felt the delay should be addressed and supported UGC's recommendation #3.
- Council was also concerned about the use of online education to address the aforementioned issue.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair Spackman to forward comments to the vice provost for academic planning.

B. Proposal to establish a Division of Information and Data Science

Enclosures 4a – 4d and Handouts A-B

The Senate received a very short deadline for comment, resulting in the inability of some committees to deliberate in person. Elected member Cathryn Carson serves as faculty lead for the Data Science Education Program and recused herself from the deliberation and decision. She remained only to provide requested information about the proposal and then was excused.

While recognizing that there are a number of issues to be resolved, overall, Council supported the proposal. There was much concern over the complexity of the proposed governance structure. There was support for conducting an open search to recruit the Associate Provost, as the individual selected will be crucial to the success of the new division.

DIVCO believes the Data Science Commons should be broadly inclusive of campus disciplines, including arts and humanities, and social sciences; an ethics component in particular would make this stand out among other data science programs. The added breadth will distinguish the new division from the current organizational structure.

Graduate Council is also concerned about how graduate programs will fit into the new structure, as these areas were not well defined.

Finally, Divisional Council believes that the addition of 'computation' to the name would be too limiting and not reflective of the disciplinary inclusivity it believes should be fostered.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair Spackman to forward the comments to the executive vice chancellor and provost.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Committee on Rules and Elections, 2017-18 annual report

Enclosure 5

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.
Recorder: M. Kwock, Assistant to the Chair

Handout A: BIR comments on the Proposal for a Division of Information and Data Science (DIADS), October 18, 2018.

Handout B: UGC comments on the Division of Information and Data Science: A proposal for the next stage, October 19, 2018.

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, FALL 2018

DIVCO MEMBERS	8/27/18	9/10/18 Cancelled	9/24/18	10/8/18	10/22/18	11/5/18	11/19/18	12/3/18	12/17/18
Ahn, David	P		P	P	P				
Ashmore, Robert	P		P	P	P				
Battles, John	P		P	P	P				
Carson, Cathryn	P		P	P	P				
Colford, John	P		P	P	P				
Frede-Montemayor, Victoria	P		A	P	P				
Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer	P		P	P	P				
Levy, Jonah	P		P	P	A				
Milnes, David *	P		P	A	P				
Navarrete, Ignacio	P		P	A	P				
O'Reilly, Oliver	P		A	P	P				
Ray, Raka	P		P	P	P				
Sanyal, Debarati	P		P	P	P				
Scheffler, Richard	P		P	P	P				
Spackman, Barbara	P		P	P	P				
Steen, Shannon	P		P	P	P				
Taylor, Ula	P		P	P	A				
Wallace, R. Jay	P		P	P	P				
Zedeck, Sheldon	P		P	P	P				
INVITED GUESTS *	8/27/18	9/10/18 Cancelled	9/24/18	10/8/18	10/22/18	11/5/18	11/19/18	12/3/18	12/17/18
Rodriguez, Juana Maria					P				
SENATE STAFF	8/27/18	9/10/18 Cancelled	9/24/18	10/8/18	10/22/18	11/5/18	11/19/18	12/3/18	12/17/18
Green Rush, Andrea	P		P	P	P				
Kwock, Marilyn	P		P	P	P				

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting