

## Divisional Council, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate Annual Report 2015-2016

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### List of Activities

The following summarizes Divisional Council and Divisional activities and actions for 2015-2016, including the date(s) of the action. Please refer to the Divisional Council approved minutes and communications for details.

### Academic Programs

- Authorized the Division chair to forward comments on the Data Sciences Initiative to the Chancellor, and executive vice chancellor and provost (EVCP). (9/21/15, 10/5/15)
- Forwarded endorsement of a proposed name change for the graduate group and Ph.D., from "Health Services and Policy Analysis" to "Health Policy", to the vice provost for the faculty. (10/19/15)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of the History of Art to the vice provost for strategic academic and facilities planning. (10/19/15)
- Endorsed a request to transfer the Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies to the Department of Ethnic Studies and to discontinue the Graduate Group in Ethnic Studies, and forwarded comments to the vice provost for the faculty. (10/19/15)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Political Science to the vice provost for strategic academic and facilities planning. (11/2/15)
- Forwarded endorsement of the proposed transfer of the International and Area Studies Teaching Program and the Cognitive Science major to the Division of Social Sciences to the vice provost for the faculty. (2/8/16)
- Forwarded endorsement of the proposal for a graduate Option 2 certificate in Social Work with Latinos to the vice provost for the faculty. (2/22/16)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Graduate School of Education to the vice provost for strategic academic and facilities planning. (2/22/16)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Music to the vice provost for strategic academic and facilities planning. (3/7/16)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of African American Studies to the vice provost for strategic academic and facilities planning. (3/14/16)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Demography to the vice provost for strategic academic and facilities planning. (4/11/16)
- Forwarded comments on the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts degree program in "Global Studies." (4/25/16)

### Policies

- Declined to endorse a statement on academic freedom and civility by the Committee on Academic Freedom (ACFR), and requested a revision. Declined to post online the Council of UC Faculty Associations' statement. (9/21/15)
- Approved principles governing the participation of the Division chair and Division vice chair in academic personnel matters. (9/21/15)
- Endorsed a draft online instruction project agreement template and forwarded comments to the Office of Legal Affairs. (10/5/15)
- Declined to endorse a study commissioned by the Committee on Demonstrations and Student Actions (DSA) on Berkeley's policies for policing demonstrations on campus, and authorized the Division chair to forward recommendations to DSA. (11/2/15)

- Approved and forwarded the Committee on Academic Freedom (ACFR) statement on academic freedom to The Regents' Working Group on Intolerance. (12/14/15)
- Endorsed and forwarded a memo from the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE) concerning eligibility-in-the-local-context (ELC)-only students to the Chancellor and EVCP. (3/7/16)
- Authorized the Division chair to forward comments on guiding principles for search waivers for academic appointees to Academic Council. (3/7/16)
- Approved a report of the Committee on Educational Policy on capped majors. (5/9/16)
- Forwarded comments of the Committee on Faculty Welfare to Academic Council concerning proposed revisions to APMs 112-4, 278, 210-6, 279, and a new APM 350. (4/25/16)

### **Legislation**

- Endorsed proposed amendments to Senate Bylaw 140 (University Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity) and authorized the Division chair to forward endorsement to Academic Council. (11/2/15)
- Forwarded endorsement of proposed amendments to Senate Regulations 417 and 621, regarding advanced credit for admission, to Academic Council. (11/2/15)

### Enacted Legislation

*All items placed on the Fall and Spring Division meeting consent calendars were approved.*

- Approved proposed amendments governing probation and dismissal in Berkeley Division (B.D.) Regulations 819 (College of Letters and Science), 877 (College of Natural Resources), and 604 (College of Environmental Design) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the fall Division meeting. (9/21/15)
- Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Bylaw 30 (Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting. (11/2/15)
- Approved proposed amendments to B.D. Bylaw 35 (Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting. (11/2/15)
- Endorsed proposed amendments to B.D. Regulation 602A (College of Environmental Design Bachelor of Arts Degree) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting. (3/14/16)
- Endorsed proposed amendments to B.D. Regulations 550-563 (College of Engineering) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting. (3/14/16)

### **Faculty/University Welfare**

- Authorized the Division Chair to forward comments (informed by the Committee on Faculty Welfare) on The Regents' Item J2, as pertains to health care benefits, to Academic Council. (9/21/15)
- Authorized the Division chair to send a request to the Student Information System (SIS) development team for the incorporation of Excel grade books into the new SIS. (9/21/15)
- Forwarded comments on the Addendum to the 1987 Recommendations for Administering and Analyzing Student Course Evaluations to the vice chancellor for undergraduate education. (10/19/15)
- Forwarded comments on the proposed revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment to Academic Council. (10/19/15)
- Authorized the Division Chair to forward Divisional recommendations on the report of the Retirement Options Task Force to Academic Council. Approved the posting of DIVCO's letter on the Division's webpage. (1/25/16, 2/8/16)
- Approved Divisional recommendations on the Retirement Options Task Force report for Assembly Representation at the February 10, 2016 meeting. (2/8/16)
- Forwarded recommendations on increasing faculty compliance with mandated sexual harassment prevention training to the vice provost for the faculty. Also authorized the Division chair to send a Calmessage that incentivized the training to Senate members. (3/7/16, 3/14/16)

- Forwarded comments on the report of the Joint Administration-Academic Senate Committee on Faculty Discipline to Academic Council. (4/14/16)
- Tabled to fall 2016 action on the 'sense of the Senate resolution, regarding the handling cases of faculty sexual harassment, that was approved by the Berkeley Division at the spring Division meeting on May 3, 2016. (5/9/16)
- Forwarded criteria for nominations to the EVCP and vice chancellor for administration and finance search committees to the Committee on Committees (COMS). (4/25/16)

### **Budget and Planning**

- Forwarded comments on enrollment planning and other budgetary matters to the Chancellor. (10/5/15)
- Authorized the Division chair to charge CUSHFA with preparation of an annual report to DIVCO on financial aid; DIVCO will vet the report and forward it to the Chancellor. (11/30/15, 12/14/15)
- Authorized the Division chair to request an annual report on the allocation of University Student Aid Program (USAP) funds from the Chancellor and the vice chancellor for student affairs. (11/30/15, 12/14/15)
- Approved a set of questions concerning academic and campus strategic planning for the EVCP's visit to DIVCO. (11/30/15)
- Authorized the Division chair to recommend that Academic Council advocate for adequate time in future salary program timelines to plan for changes in the discretionary component. (5/9/16)
- Forwarded CAPRA's 2016-17 budget recommendations and DIVCO's comments to the Chancellor and interim EVCP. (5/9/16)
- Forwarded a Committee on Research report on ORU (organized research unit) restructuring, and comments, to the vice chancellor for research. (4/25/16)

### **Awards and Honors**

- Approved a recipient of 2016 Clark Kerr Award. (11/2/15)
- Approved three recipients of the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award. (3/14/16)
- Approved two recipients of the Berkeley Faculty Service Award. (4/11/16)
- Approved two Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lecturers for 2017. (4/14/16)

### **Senate Management**

- Approved conflict of interest guidelines for DIVCO. (8/31/15)
- Approved the 2014-15 annual report for the Division. (8/31/15)
- Confirmed appointments to standing committees of the Academic Senate. (9/21/15, 10/19/15, 11/30/15, 12/14/15, 1/25/16, 2/8/16, 2/22/16, 3/7/16, 3/14/16, 4/11/16, 4/25/16, 5/9/16)
- Approved a letter to the administration objecting to the late cancellation of a presentation on the campus budget at the Fall Division meeting. (11/2/15)
- Held Division meetings on 11/5/15 and 5/13/16.
- Held a campus strategic planning information session. (11/30/15)
- Held a reception for newly-tenured faculty. (12/1/15)
- Approved authorization for the Division chair to act on behalf of Divisional Council during winter break until Council reconvened in spring 2016. Approved a similar authorization for the Division vice chair to act on behalf of the Division chair in his absence during this time. (12/14/15)
- Revised the procedure for routing undergraduate course proposals to committees for review. (2/22/16)
- Held a Senate forum on strategic planning in light of our financial challenges. (2/22/16)
- Conducted an electronic election for the Division. (3/1/16)
- Held a special Division meeting on sexual harassment on April 7, 2016.
- Held a special Division meeting on academic restructuring on April 12, 2016.
- Approved authorization for the Division chair to act on behalf of Divisional Council during summer break and until Council reconvenes in fall 2016. Approved a similar authorization for the Division vice chair to act on behalf of the Division chair in his absence during this time. (5/9/16)

### **Senate Events**

- Held a Senate leadership orientation on 9/2/15.
- Held a Senate end of year reception on 5/11/16.