

## The Fortnightly

November 7, 2018

Welcome to the fifth issue of a fortnightly digest of news from the Divisional Council (DIVCO) of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate. The intent of the digest is to summarize issues being discussed at DIVCO, provide updates on recent deliberations and policies, and highlight engagement by the Senate with members of the administration and student groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to notify you of the following events:

Thursday, November 8: Big Give Kickoff and General Information Session will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 1:30–3 pm in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center.

Tuesday, November 13: A Roundtable Q&A for the Big Give will be held from 11 am –12 pm in Pauley Ballroom West, Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union.

Thursday, November 15: UC Berkeley Veterans Commemoration is being held at California Memorial Stadium, Gate 1 Lisa & Douglas Goldman Plaza from 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, March 14 (Pi Day), 2019: UC Berkeley's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Give is being held. For further details and to subscribe to the mailing list for this important fundraising event, please email <a href="mailto:biggive@berkeley.edu">biggive@berkeley.edu</a>. Please feel free to share this information with students particularly those who are active in student groups on campus that participate in the Big Give.

DIVCO meets every two weeks during the semester. A schedule of these meetings, along with approved minutes, can be found online at:

https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/committees/divco

The fifth meeting of DIVCO was held on Monday, November 5. Chancellor Carol Christ and EVCP Paul Alivisatos attended the first half of the meeting and discussed their priorities for campus. In particular, Carol Christ outlined her five priorities and their relationship to the Strategic Initiatives. The second half of the meeting focused on two topics: the campus review of the <u>Department of Near Eastern Studies</u> and a discussion of Decanal Search Procedures that were forwarded by the EVCP Paul Alivisatos for comments and feedback by the Senate.

Thanking you for your engagement.

Sincerely, Oliver O'Reilly Vice Chair of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate Professor of Mechanical Engineering