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2016-17 Annual Report
Undergraduate Council (UGC)

In fulfilling its charge as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the UGC carried out the following activities. The chair of the UGC during 2016-17 was Professor Mark Stacey.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section. Dates in parentheses, unless otherwise noted, indicate the date of correspondence.

I. Academic Program Reviews

- Department of Statistics
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Robert Powell (09/21/16)
- School of Journalism
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (09/28/16)
- Department of Philosophy
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/19/16)
- School of Public Health
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/28/16)
- Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/17/16)
- Department of Psychology
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (02/22/17)
- School of Information
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (03/09/17)
- Department of Bioengineering
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (04/05/17)

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Transfer of L&S Media Studies from the Division of Undergraduate Studies to the Division of Arts and Humanities
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (09/22/16)
- Draft New Presidential Policy on International Activities
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/26/16)

- Proposal to Amend Senate By-law 182 on the University Committee on International Education
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/30/16)
- Proposal for Name Change of the Forestry and Natural Resources Degree Program (B.S.) and Establishment of Two Specializations
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (03/08/17)
- Report from Visioning Team for Journalism, Communication, and Media
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (05/02/17)

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Data Science Planning Initiative
Chair Mark Stacey shared UGC's feedback on the initiative as a member of the working group convened by Division Chair Powell to provide Senate input to the administration (discussed 10/19/17).
- Response to Presidential Election
The Committee discussed possible campus responses to the election of President Trump (discussed 11/16/16).
- Student Basic Needs Security Survey
UGC met with Ruben Canedo of the campus and systemwide basic needs committees and the Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence. He gave a presentation on food and housing insecurity and shared the results of surveys by the UC Global Food Initiative and UC Berkeley (01/25/17).
- Proposal for Merger of CEP and UGC
UGC discussed the proposal to merge UGC with the Committee on Educational Policy (01/25/17). Chair Stacey shared the committee's comments with the Divisional Council, which approved the merger on 04/24/17.
- Proposal to Amend SR 630 (to add UC NRS Course)
UGC approved the proposed revisions without comment (02/22/17)
- Guiding Principles on the Future Size of UC Berkeley/Enrollment Scenarios
Professor George Johnson asked UGC to provide input on scenarios on the future size of UC Berkeley, for the Working Group on Enrollment Management (02/22/17, 04/26/17).
- Academic Progress Criteria
The chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education asked UGC to comment on academic progress criteria (03/22/17). Chair Stacey provided informal comments to AEPE.
- Satellite Campus

UGC discussed a paper by Saul Geiser of the Center for Studies in Higher Education on the possibility of UC Berkeley creating a two-year university branch campus (03/22/17).

- *The Berkeley Undergraduate Discovery Experience
Vice Chancellor for Research Paul Alivisatos (04/26/17)*
- *Updates from Campus Committee Representatives
UGC heard reports from its representatives on the Academic Senate-SIS Advisory Committee (Professor Abby Dernburg); Advising Council (Professor Kathleen Ryan); Chancellor's Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics (Professor Patricia Dechow); and the Enrollment Management Working Group (Professor George Johnson) throughout the year.*

III. Unfinished Business – None