

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, April 29, 2024 – 12:10-2:00 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday April 29, 2024, in Stephens Hall, room 310. Division Chair Maximilian Auffhammer presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. A. MINUTES of the meeting of April 15, 2024

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations

B. Henkin Citation nomination

ACTION: The consent calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair Max Auffhammer

Chair Auffhammer reflected on last week's Spring Division meeting. He plans to work with the Senate to implement new ideas to increase meeting participation for next year.

Chair Auffhammer also provided updates on the recent activities related to the encampment on campus and expressed hope that things remain peaceful. Campus is preparing for upcoming commencements.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/action: Proposed Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area H) introducing an A-G Ethnic Studies requirement for freshman admission to the University

DIVCO showed a unanimous lack of support in pursuing this proposed requirement. There is already a State mandate in place that has yet to yield results in its implementation, and this would impose an additional burden on high schools. The proposal had unsuccessfully cycled through the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) twice. Members noted that the problematic guidelines were written with missing and inconsistent language and did not reflect a proper understanding of Ethnic Studies. Members also stressed that this does not account for non-resident applicants.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Academic Council.

B. Discussion only: Conversation with Rich Lyons

Guest: *Rich K. Lyons, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer (CIEO) and Chancellor Designate*

In preparation for his transition to Chancellor, Associate Vice Chancellor Lyons revealed that he has been listening a lot and has been open to counsel on many topics. His early guiding principles included that he will be the Chancellor for the “whole campus”; he stated that fundamental research is the source of preeminence of UC Berkeley as are access and excellence.

Associate Vice Chancellor Lyons highly values faculty governance. He notes that feedback is a reward and welcomes it from faculty. He described the following topics, which were requested by DIVCO members:

- Funding Doctoral education, specifically the core budget and including deferred maintenance and Arts and Humanities;
- The relationship between UC Berkeley and community, including community-engaged scholarship;
- His CIEO role—how do we participate more in the economic value we create;
- Projects that have come up through the pipeline for the Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), such as deferred maintenance and the increasing student-to-faculty ratio; and
- Quick financial decisions and its consequences.

C. Discussion/action: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Academic Senate Statement on UC Quality

DIVCO members felt the proposal was unclear on the purpose and assumed it to be focused on undergraduate students and would like to be included in the conversations on online courses. Berkeley already offers online self-supporting graduate professional degree programs (SSGPDP). DIVCO stressed the importance of social interactions that students can only receive on campus and in the classroom. A DIVCO member emphasized the points brought up by the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) that quality cannot be discussed without mentioning the financial implications to attain these goals. Finally, it was discussed that decision rights remain at the campus, as opposed to a single Systemwide statement.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Academic Council.

D. Discussion only: Expanding Academic Senate Committee participation

Chair Auffhammer asked the Committee on Committees (COMS) what the current practice is in the call for volunteering for Academic Senate service for those individuals in the junior/associate professor levels. COMS Chair reported that the call is sent to all

Academic Senate members, and it currently says nothing about rank. Historically, COMS does not ask individuals at the Assistant Professor level to serve on an Academic Senate committee. Some members recall a vague encouragement to look into Senate service during their advancement but were hesitant to get involved. There was a suggestion to add a brief note about the workload to the Senate committee descriptions so that individuals can make informed decisions. Another idea was to have junior faculty observe committee meetings. Chair Auffhammer will also encourage those interested in the Academic Senate to attend the Division meetings to obtain a better idea of Senate business. Next year, the Division Chair and COMS chair will work on the language that will be placed on the volunteer-to-serve form.

E. Discussion/action: UGC proposal for addition to Academic Program Review (APR) self-study prompts

Undergraduate Council (UGC) participates in many Academic Program Reviews (APR) and repeatedly comments that there is a lack of feedback from undergraduate students. This feedback is needed to make better judgements on how the programs are doing. A suggestion was made to look at the UC Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES) data. DIVCO unanimously supported the proposal.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Program Review Oversight Committee.

F. Forward**Proposal to transfer the governance of the Master of Development Practice (MDP) from the Graduate Group and Graduate Division to the Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and the disestablishment of the current Graduate Group Forwarded to the Committees on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) and Graduate Council (GC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2024.*

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. EVCP Hermalin's response to DIVCO on Reducing Bureaucratic Burdens

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.