

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, September 9, 2024 – 12:10-2:00 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, September 9, 2024 in Stephens Hall, room 310. Division Chair Amani Nuru-Jeter presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

A. Land Acknowledgement+

II. A. MINUTES of the meeting of April 29, 2024

B. MINUTES of the meeting of May 13, 2024

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. DIVCO 2023-2024 Annual Report

B. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair Amani Nuru-Jeter

A. DIVCO Orientation

Chair Nuru-Jeter provided a brief overview of the Senate bylaws and provided background information pertaining to the Academic Senate, such as: the organization of the Senate; the duties, powers, and privileges of the Senate; the overview of Divisional Council; and the flow of Division business. There was further discussion regarding certain “powers” and advising of the Divisional Council.

B. Other announcements

Chair Nuru-Jeter described her priorities for the upcoming academic year:

- Improving the awareness and perceived effectiveness of the formal Academic Senate structure on campus, and promoting a culture of Academic Senate service on the Berkeley campus;
- Improving the diversity of the pipeline into Academic Senate leadership; and
- Being responsive to the interests of Academic Senate faculty on the Berkeley campus

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion only: Confidentiality

Chair Nuru-Jeter reaffirmed that information shared during meetings should remain confidential, which she will remind guests and students. Items that are confidential will not be noted in the minutes. If members have any questions, members are asked to contact Chair Nuru-Jeter or Executive Director Banaria.

B. Discussion/action: Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Divisional Council

Chair Nuru-Jeter encouraged committee chairs to discuss the Conflict of Interest guidelines at the first committee meetings since they vary by committee. She discussed what types of conflict may arise and what actions members may take should those occur, which include personal conflict, financial interest, and other types of conflicts of interests. Members do not have to publicly state the conflict and can recuse themselves from a conversation or vote should one arise. A motion was made to adopt the Conflict of Interest Guidelines and was seconded by another member.

ACTION: The Conflict of Interest Guidelines was unanimously approved.

C. Discussion only: Academic Senate Pulse Survey

One week prior, Chair Nuru-Jeter sent out an email to get a sense of what is top of mind for Academic Senate faculty on what are the top strengths and pain points associated with being a Berkeley faculty member. Members wondered if ‘*pain points*’ could be framed differently as this survey could elicit complaining behavior, especially collecting suggestions on things that the Academic Senate has no role in making changes. Other members brought up survey fatigue and that oftentimes lack substantive action on the things they have been surveyed on in the past. It would be great that if this survey were to move forward, that the Academic Senate could provide transparency on how this information would be used. Members stressed the importance of stating the priorities of the Academic Senate but ensuring an open line for others to jot down specific recommendations.

D. Discussion only: Chancellor Lyons’ Priorities

Guests: Rich Lyons, Chancellor

Khira Griscavage, Associate Chancellor and Chief of Staff, Chief Ethics and Risk and Compliance Officer

Chancellor Lyons attended the Divisional Council to share his short and long term priorities, plans for addressing the budget deficit, and his plans on maximizing shared governance.

Now in his role for 3 months, Chancellor Lyons first described his principles. These include being as transparent, being as engaging as much as possible, and considering the university as a whole. When it comes to his priorities, Chancellor Lyons hopes to set them together (with us) and with these in mind, launch a strategic planning process in the spring. He hopes to touch spaces on supporting developing structures for funding new curricula, and being financially sustainable, seeing which belt tightening applications are least destructive in the practice of our mission.

Chancellor Lyons has implemented a new recurring meeting that is similar to his cabinet but now invites others not historically in attendance such as the Academic Senate and students. He went on to answer questions ranging from:

- Arts and Humanities–increased Library funding;
- Funding Doctoral education;
- Deferred maintenance;
- UC Berkeley and its community with regard to community engaged research and its social impact;
- How to we keep up with impacted majors and what can be done differently; and
- The increasing student to faculty ratio–the magnitude of the increase in non-senate faculty

E. Forward* *Proposal for a new B.S. Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering Forwarded to the committees on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2024.*

F. Forward* *Proposal for B.S. Degree in Environmental Engineering Forwarded to the committees on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2024.*

G. Forward* *Proposed Revisions to Program Attachments #3–7 to the Policy on Vaccination Programs Forwarded to the committee on Faculty Welfare (FWEL). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for October 7, 2024.*

H. Forward* *Review on the Department of Physics Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR), Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate (DECC), Graduate Council (GC), and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2024.*

I. Forward* *Review on the Department of Plant & Microbial Biology (PMB) Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR), Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate (DECC), Graduate Council (GC), and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2024.*

**A copy is available on the DIVCO Box site on the tentatively scheduled meeting date.*

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. DIVCO 2024-25 Information**
- B. Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE) Annual Report**
- C. Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) Annual Report**
- D. Faculty Research Lecture (FRL) Annual Report**
- E. Panel of Counselors (POC) End of Year Report**
- F. Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P&T) Annual Report**
- G. WSCUC statement**
- H. Functions of the Berkeley Division**
- I. System Wide Academic Senate Council Chair James Steintrager's letter to UC President Drake - "Report on the State of Shared Governance at the University of California, 2023-24"**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 pm.