

APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, April 15, 2024 – 12:10-2:00 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday April 15, 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 1, 2024

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Reauthorization of the Committee on Charges

ACTION: The consent calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair Max Auffhammer

Richard K. Lyons, the current Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Innovation and Entrepreneurship Officer (CIEO) was announced as the Chancellor Designate.

Chair Auffhammer met with Chancellor Christ and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP) Hermalin after receiving a large volume of inquiries regarding late cases. The Academic Personnel Office (APO) has been authorized to hire more analysts and encouraged to finish 2023 cases by June 2024; they appeared to have prioritized 2024 cases.

The Chancellor ordered a review of the Office for Faculty Equity and Welfare (OFEW) after multiple efforts dating back to early 2023 to get such a review kicked off from the Academic Senate. The VPF will be compiling a committee for this review process.

Chair Auffhammer contacted various departments across campus regarding the Lecturer with Security of Employment (LSOE) voting rights and how they are handled. The results varied across the board and he learned that a default rule was not uniformly supported. He plans to bring this to the upcoming systemwide Academic Senate Assembly discussion.

Chair Auffhammer thanked everyone involved in advocating for the successful library funding.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/action: Proposal to change the name of the BA degree in Operations Research and Management Sciences to Analytics

There were no objections to the proposal or to any of the committee comments submitted. Undergraduate Council (UGC) suggested that it would be good practice to consult other departments during the proposal process. It would be helpful to understand how it would be different from other departments/programs with similar names.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

B. Discussion/action: Proposal from the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) requesting to consolidate its PhD programs.

The proposal to consolidate the East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) PhD programs is on par with what other institutions are doing with similar programs. There are valid arguments that it is not just about languages, but also culture. DIVCO unanimously approved the proposal.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

C. Discussion only: Conversation on Intercollegiate Athletics

Guests: Dan Feitelberg, Interim Vice Chancellor - Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Bryan Graham, Faculty Athletics Council (FACL) Chair - Economics

Intercollegiate Athletics is a popular topic on campus, and Chair Auffhammer wished to gather additional perspectives. Chair Graham of the Faculty Athletics Council (FACL) notes that the committee represents a range of views but primarily focuses on student welfare. FACL also intends to have more thoughtful discourse on Athletics.

DIVCO members inquired about Intercollegiate Athletics and its projected budgets, as well as the following topics:

- The scope of accommodations that will need to be adjusted with the increased travel due to the move to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC);
- The transfer of all scholarships to fall under solely under the scholarship office;
- Contingency plans that could be put into place in case the ACC were to be weakened or unraveled;
- Questions surrounding how leagues have operated outside of anti-trust laws and how that will change our current numbers surrounding Athletics;
- What are the updates in resolving the Title IX issues; and
- Are there plans regarding the expiring noise ordinance contract and if there are any opportunities for revenue generation?

D. Discussion/action: Proposal for a new Dual Degree Program with the National University of Singapore

The current Berkeley-Sciences Po (France) Dual Degree Program is quite successful. This well-thought-out proposal includes well-mapped out courses. Undergraduate Council (UGC) made logistical recommendations, such as where these reviews will fall under, administrative costs, and what honors would mean in these types of programs. There were concerns of students matriculating into the program, providing financial aid abroad, and how risks would be managed when it comes to issues of academic freedom in other countries.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

E. Discussion/action: Report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities

The report analyzed the systemwide needs of students with disabilities, described current resources, and provided recommendations. Committee comments focused on examining incomplete courses, graduate students, and the types of available mentorships.

DIVCO members stressed the importance of training faculty and instructors, which includes Graduate Student Instructors (GSI), Unit 18 instructors, and Unit 18 adjunct lecturers, not limiting it to those in supervisory roles as noted in the report. While faculty try to do the right thing, they are referred to various offices and are left to figure things out on their own. There are not enough faculty liaisons on campus to help faculty and instructors, but DIVCO members suggested increasing the amount of faculty liaisons and create a liaison network system to share ideas and guidance.

Chair Auffhammer is working with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education O'Reilly on funding efforts to centralize exam proctoring. DIVCO recommends effective faculty training and fewer organizations to report issues to within the Disabled Students Program (DSP) to help alleviate one of the many pain points recognized by faculty.

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

F. Discussion/action: CAPRA letter for DIVCO on clean energy campus project

The committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) requested DIVCO to endorse the recommendations regarding the significant potential campus investments required to realize the clean energy campus project. DIVCO endorsed this letter and echoed the recommendations to pursue the cleaner options presented.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Auffhammer to draft a letter and forward committee comments endorsing the letter to the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

G. Discussion only: New Regents Policy on Public and Discretionary Statements by Academic Units

There have been minor changes to this policy. Chair Auffhammer plans to run this by the Committee on Academic Freedom (ACFR) since DIVCO and ACFR had already reviewed it this year. If there are no comments, he plans to write another letting citing objections.

H. Forward*Proposal for a new department of Political Economy

Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA), Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR), Graduate Council (GC), and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2024.

I. Forward*Proposal to discontinue the PhD in Molecular Toxicology and disestablish the Graduate Group in Molecular Toxicology

Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) and Graduate Council (GC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2024.

J. Forward*Proposal to discontinue the Designated Emphasis in Energy, Science, and Technology (DEEST) and disestablish the Graduate Group in Energy, Science, and Technology

Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) and Graduate Council (GC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2024.

K. Forward*Review of the School of Social Welfare

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 May 13, 2024.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Academic Senate Comments on Proposed Revisions to APM 285, Lecturer with Security of Employment Series

B. Systemwide Senate Review Proposed revisions to APM - 710, Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave

C. Chancellor Christ and EVCP Hermalin's response to DIVCO on Library Funding

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

INVITED GUESTS *	1/22/24	2/12/24	2/26/24	3/4/24	3/18/24	4/1/24	4/15/24	4/29/24	5/13/24
Feitelberg, Dan							P		
Graham, Bryan							P		

SENATE STAFF	1/22/24	2/12/24	2/26/24	3/4/24	3/18/24	4/1/24	4/15/24	4/29/24	5/13/24
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Hashimoto, Dorothy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting