APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, May 5, 2025 − 12:00 PM -1:00 PM
***Zoom* Video conference**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, May 5, 2025, via *Zoom* video conference. Division Chair Nuru-Jeter presided. Quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. WELCOME

II. CONSENT CALENDAR–None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS–None

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

V. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Discussion/action: Campus roll out of AI Tools

   The meeting focused on the proposed campus wide roll out of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools at UC Berkeley. The conversation included multiple points of concern, including faculty autonomy, logistical challenges, the role of advisory bodies in overseeing AI integration, and the need to protect privacy and security.

   DIVCO members stressed the importance of addressing the practical and ethical concerns of the usages of AI. In addition, the recognition of the faculty's academic freedom and the option to allow faculty to choose whether to implement AI tools in their courses was raised. Given the disparate perspectives on the ways in which the utility of AI is dependent upon course learning objectives, there was a consensus that faculty who are interested in using AI tools should be given the opportunity to opt in without mandatory implementation for all faculty. Some members acknowledged that the implementation should be gradual to ensure successful integration but also recognized the importance of ensuring privacy and security especially given the broad existing use of AI by faculty and students

   DIVCO members deliberated on refining the opt-in model for faculty, with plans to expand the program as the pilot progresses and more is learned about the implications of AI for teaching and learning across different educational contexts. Concerns regarding the logistical challenges of implementing this system manually were also raised. It was suggested that a more scalable and efficient system should be developed as the pilot phase continues. This would involve refining the model to minimize manual effort and ensure a smooth process.

   Members were in agreement on the necessity of a clear policy on the usage of AI tools in the syllabus for all participating courses. They acknowledged that the development of training resources for faculty should be a collaborative effort between the administration

(eg, CTL) and the Senate, ensuring that the resources provided would meet the diverse needs of faculty members.

DIVCO members worked to formalize their recommendations into a motion for approval. The motion proposed the following key points:

- Developing a model that faculty are allowed to opt-in on the use of AI tool(s) for their courses.
- In a year (Spring 2026), DIVCO will revisit the decision for a universal roll out.
- The Committee on Courses on Instruction (COCI) will create a policy where all courses should have some form of AI policy statement on their syllabus.
- There will be a joint Senate-admin campus advisory board to monitor the use of AI and address other issues related to the ways in which a more general rollout aligns with the university's mission.
- Training material should be available to instructors on a non-compulsory basis and should be developed in collaboration with the Academic Senate.

ACTION: DIVCO unanimously voted for the motion and authorized Chair Nuru-Jeter to draft and send a letter to the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for IT and Chief Information Officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2025

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/27/25	2/10/25	2/24/25	3/10/25	3/17/25	3/31/25	4/14/25	4/28/25	5/05/25	5/12/25
Ansell, Christopher	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Csikszentmihalyi, Mark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	
Dernberg, Abby	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
Dutta, Sunil	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Francis, Darlene	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	
Gilless, Keith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Ginsborg, Hannah	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Gonzales, Joseph	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Hayes, Tyrone	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Hesse, Carla	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Landreth, David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
Levy, Jonah	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Nuru-Jeter, Amani	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Philip, Thomas	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	
Otter, Sam	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
Rodriguez, Hector	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	
Sargent, Daniel	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	A	
Stacey, Mark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	
Villas-Boas, J. Miguel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wallace, Nancy										

INVITED GUESTS *	1/27/25	2/10/25	2/24/25	3/10/25	3/17/25	3/31/25	4/14/25	4/28/25	5/05/25	5/12/25

SENATE STAFF	1/27/25	2/10/25	2/24/25	3/10/25	3/17/25	3/31/25	4/14/25	4/28/25	5/05/25	5/12/2025
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Hashimoto, Dorothy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

P=Present   A=Absent   * Non-voting