The Subcommittee reviewed a total of 107 course and instructor proposals and student petitions for satisfaction of Berkeley Division Regulation 300, American Cultures Breadth Requirements. Subcommittee members evaluated proposals and petitions to ensure courses were integrative and comparative; addressed theoretical and analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture, and ethnicity in American history and society; and, took substantial account of groups drawn from at least three of the following: African Americans, indigenous peoples of the United States, Asian Americans, Chicano/Latinos, and European Americans.

I. Actions on Course and Instruction Approvals and Student Petition Requests

The following chart summarizes the actions of the Subcommittee during the 2016-2017 academic year.

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II. Key AMCULT Issues

A. Updated Student Petition Form
Upon recommendation from the staff analyst the Subcommittee approved a modified student petition form to substitute a course to meet the AC requirement. The revised form included clarified instructional language and was made effective immediately.

B. Course Number Suffix
Across the year membership engaged in a lengthy discussion on the AC suffix that is required for every AC approved course. The results of analyst research showed that 40 currently approved courses did not include the suffix. Reasons for the omission ranged from being a course that superseded the introduction of the suffix in 1995 to being a course that included a prefix character(s) that effectively bumped off the AC suffix. Membership considered the pros and cons of the suffix, consulted with the Office of the Registrar and COCI, and gathered information on technology options. Ultimately membership determined that the suffix has a value add to promoting a course and should be utilized. Recognizing that there are exceptional cases, membership determined a set of acceptable omission conditions and a request process.

C. Sexual Violence / Sexual Harassment Report and Recommendations
The Subcommittee undertook a discussion of the recommendations and findings in the January 2017 report from the Chancellor’s Senate/Administration Committee on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SV/SH). Written comments were provided to Divisional Council. It was found that the report’s recommendations to expand the scope of the current AC requirement were not tenable. Consensus across membership was that AC courses already do the work of examining the intersection of gender and sexuality in an academic perspective related to race and ethnicity. The Subcommittee’s comments were forwarded to the Chancellor’s Office as part of a collection of comments from Senate committees.

D. Online Courses
Two new courses proposed this year were designed as online only instruction. Submitted with the proposals were responses to the fifteen questions that COCI currently asks about the nature, instruction, and support provided for online courses. When considering these proposals the faculty undertook a discussion as to if there were any factors that prevent an online course from meeting the AC requirement. Membership did not find an issue with the online instruction format and approved the courses. Into next year membership intends on discussing this issue further.
E. Graduate Student Representative
Across the year the members discussed the added value of having a graduate student representative on the Subcommittee. While graduate students are not required to complete the AC requirement, members noted that an increasing number of instructor change proposals are from UC graduate student instructors. Membership determined that it was unwise to request that the related bylaw be changed. Since the current bylaw allows for two student representative of any academic standing it was determined that a request would be made of the Committee on Committees to assign one undergraduate and one graduate student to the Subcommittee for the upcoming year on a trial basis.

III. AMCULT Correspondence for Review of Academic Senate Policies and Issues

A. AC Suffix Requirement on American Cultures Courses
   Request submitted to COCI 09/09/16

B. Comments on SV/SH Report
   Comments submitted to Divisional Council 03/06/17