

*APPROVED*

2018-2019 Annual Report of the Subcommittee on the  
 Breadth Requirement in American Cultures

In fulfilling its charge as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the AMCULT carried out the following activities during the 2018-19 academic year. Professor James Porter (Rhetoric) served as the chair and as an ex-officio member on the Committee on Courses of Instruction.

The Subcommittee reviewed a total of 68 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. Finished Business**

**A. Actions on Course and Instruction Approvals and Student Petition Requests**

The following chart summarizes the actions of the Subcommittee.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Pended or Tabled</b>
<b>New Berkeley Course</b>	<b>11</b>	7	0	4
<b>Review of New Instructor for Existing Berkeley Course</b>	<b>29</b>	27	1	1
<b>New Off-Campus Course</b>	<b>0</b>	0	0	0
<b>Student Petition (Berkeley Course)</b>	<b>7</b>	4	3	0
<b>Student Petition (Non-Berkeley Course)</b>	<b>21</b>	5	13	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	43	17	8

**B. Completed Issues - None**

**II. AMCULT Correspondence for Review of Academic Senate Policies and Issues – None**

**III. Unfinished Business**

**A. Online Course Review: Across the year members discussed the review standards**

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and expectations for online courses without reaching a resolution.

- B. Community College AC Courses: Members reviewed the 15 most popular AC courses completed by UC Berkeley students at a community college. Members reviewed the original and updated syllabi throughout the spring semester. Overall, members felt that most of the revised syllabi have not changed and remained consistent. Members had concerns with a few courses but decided to not remove the AC designation. Instead, members agreed to send the community colleges the updated guidelines from 2018 and encourage the instructors to resubmit a revised syllabus to meet the new guidelines.