

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Monday, August 30, 2021 – 12:10-2:00 PM**  
**Academic Senate Conference Room, 310 Stephens Hall**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in 310 Stephens Hall. Division Chair Ronald Cohen presided. Quorum was recorded as shown on the attached attendance chart.

**I. A. MINUTES** of the meeting of June 7, 2021

Revisions were suggested for the minutes.

**ACTION:** The minutes were approved as revised.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations**

Chair Cohen briefly explained how the Consent Calendar would be used.

**ACTION:** The consent calendar was approved as presented.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Division Chair Ronald Cohen*

**A. DIVCO Orientation**

Chair Cohen explained some 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.

Due to the number of informational items, Chair Cohen took the time to review each one with DIVCO members, explaining that some items would be discussed at some point during the year, and some items are solely for informational purposes. It is not common to review the informational items during the meeting.

Chair Cohen stated that he would discuss the 2021-22 Senate priorities at the September 13, 2021 DIVCO meeting.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion/action: Conflict of Interest guidelines for Divisional Council**

Chair Cohen explained that each year, DIVCO must review and re-endorse the Conflict of Interest Policies. He communicated that members should recuse themselves if they feel there is a conflict of interest, and provided examples of common situations.

**ACTION:** DIVCO approved the Conflict of Interest guidelines for the 2021-22 academic year.

**B. Discussion only: Reopening and university operations**

Chair Cohen shared with DIVCO members that there are numerous standing committees working on guidelines during campus reopening, such as the Recovery Management Team (RMT), which Chair Cohen sits on, that has the final decision. RMT is collecting information from public health services, legal authorities, and other relevant campus entities to make health-first decisions as students, faculty, and staff return to campus. University Health Services (UHS) stated that vaccinations are the top protection against COVID-19, and masks are the second best protective measure. Current vaccination rates are 97% among undergraduate students, 96.3% among graduate students, and 88.8% among faculty and staff.

Chair Cohen also explained that with rapidly changing guidelines from the CDC and Cal/OSHA, it has been a challenge for campus leadership to communicate as effectively with students, faculty, and staff, as they'd like, but tremendous efforts are being made. The key recurrent issues from faculty are ventilation, and who should make the final decision on remote and in-person learning.

Chair Cohen then asked each committee member to report on their experiences of in-person teaching since classes began, and/or experiences they may have heard from colleagues.

Each DIVCO member described their accounts of in-person learning, both on campus and in their personal lives. Most reported that students were enthusiastic to be on campus with their peers. A few members shared concern about the ventilation in their classrooms, and some were able to move their classes outdoors. Some described common questions and concerns from students, mostly regarding COVID-19 information and resources on the Berkeley website, as well as protocol if a classmate were to test positive.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*Informational items are items on the agenda consisting only of an informational report that does not require or permit DIVCO action.*

**A. Budget**

*Link – [Budget presentation at 9/14/20 DIVCO by former Division Chair Jennifer Johnson-Hanks](#)*

**B. Envisioning Research in the Post Pandemic University, prepared by UCLA's Post Pandemic Visioning Working Group**

**C. Regent's Items from July 20-22, 2021 meeting**

**D. Faculty Housing Issues presentation by the systemwide Senate Faculty Welfare Taskforce on Investments and Retirement (TFIR), July 28, 2021**

**E. Senate response to Faculty Leadership Academy (FLA) Report**

**F. College of Computing, Data Science and Society (CDSS)**

**G. DIVCO 2021-22 information**

*Enclosure 11a – [2021-22 DIVCO roster](#)*

*Enclosure 11b – [2021-22 DIVCO meeting schedule](#)*

*Enclosure 11c – [Berkeley Division Academic Senate Leadership/Officers](#)*

*Enclosure 11d – [Academic Senate Staff contact information](#)*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Recorder: Haniya Ferrell, Administrative Assistant

**DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, FALL 2021**

DIVCO MEMBERS	8/30/21	9/13/21	9/27/21	10/11/21	10/25/21	11/15/21	11/29/21	12/13/21
Aguilera, Adrian	P							
Catanese, Brandi	P							
Cohen, Ronald	P							
Doremus, Holly	P							
Fernald, Lia	P							
Gilless, J. Keith*	P							
Glaunsinger, Britt	A							
Hesse, Carla	P							
Kern, Richard	P							
Leonard, Thomas	P							
McMains, Sara	P							
Olney, Martha	P							
Ozer, Emily	P							
Plaut, Victoria	P							
Sayre, Nathan	P							
Siu, Lok	P							
Smart, Mary Ann	A							
Sweetser, Eve	P							
Tarica, Estelle	P							
<b>INVITED GUESTS *</b>	<b>8/30/21</b>	<b>9/13/21</b>	<b>9/27/21</b>	<b>10/11/21</b>	<b>10/25/21</b>	<b>11/15/21</b>	<b>11/29/21</b>	<b>12/13/21</b>

SENATE STAFF	8/30/21	9/13/21	9/27/21	10/11/21	10/25/21	11/15/21	11/29/21	12/13/21
Allen, Patrick	P							
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P							

Corley, Linda								
Dobin, Deborah								
Ferrell, Haniya	P							
Lynch, William								
MacIntyre, Courtney								
Marias Dezendorf, Rachel								
Mitchell, Lanayah								
Quiggle, Sumei								

P=Present A=Absent \* Non-voting