

UC Berkeley



Academic Senate Chair - Berkeley Division

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all of you who joined the Division Meeting on Tuesday. I appreciated the comments and input, and I look forward to continuing to work on the important issues of academic freedom and the responsibilities and authority of the academic senate.

Because we had the Division Meeting this week, I will keep this newsletter brief, and simply provide an update on senate leadership and elections. As you all know, Thomas Philip, who is currently Senate Vice Chair, will assume the chair role at the start of the Fall Semester. I am very pleased to be able to announce that Holly Doremus, the James H. House and Hiram H. Hurd Professor of Environmental Regulation at Berkeley Law, will become the new Senate Vice Chair at that same time. Holly's service record is well-known, including leading several initiatives at the Law School and serving as Chair of CAPRA for several years in the Academic Senate. I am excited for this next chapter in Senate leadership. Thank you to both Thomas and Holly for their service to our campus!

I also wanted to update you all on the status of the elections for DIVCO and COMS. The DIVCO election results are finalized, and the 3 new elected members to start in August 2026 are Sharad Chari (Geography), Keith Feldman (Ethnic Studies), and Terry Regier (Linguistics). For COMS, Cathryn Carson (History) and Caroline Williams (Integrative Biology) are confirmed as members for 2025-26 and, as I hope you saw earlier this week, there is a runoff for the remaining two slots. Voting in the runoff election (linked below) closes on Monday April 13, so please remember to vote now! And thank you to everyone who ran (or is running) in these elections - your willingness to serve in these roles, whether elected or not, is deeply appreciated.

I hope the spring semester finishes well for you all.

Best,
Mark Stacey

Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate

Links:

- [Run-off election information](#)
 - Academic Senate Office Hours - Fridays:
 - [4/10, 2:30-3:30](#)
 - [4/24, 2:00-3:30](#)
 - [5/1, 2:00-3:30](#)
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