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**2023-2024 Annual Report of the
Committee on Committees**

The Committee on Committees (COMS) conducted bi-weekly meetings during the academic year. The Committee also had dozens of email exchanges throughout the year to address requests and concerns that arose between meetings. During the summer months, members authorized the committee chair to act on their behalf from the last meeting in the spring semester to their first meeting in the fall.

The duties of COMS are to appoint members to Academic Senate committees, and to recommend, when requested by the campus or systemwide administration, academic senate nominees for appointment to other types of committees/task forces. In fulfilling the committee's responsibilities, COMS filled over 300 standing committee positions for the 2024-25 academic year, with representation from 57 departments/schools on campus, in addition to suggesting scores of names of Academic Senate members to serve on various systemwide and campus committees/task forces. In carrying out these responsibilities, members contacted current committee chairs and analysts to assess members' willingness to continue the next academic year. Committee chairs were asked how well their committees were functioning and what they needed in the way of new appointments. Deans and department chairs also were contacted because they know how to match faculty interests to the needs of Senate service.

COMS members worked to engage in outreach and information sharing within their own departments and would like to encourage the members of other Senate committees to share information learned during their committee meetings in members' respective department meetings. COMS noted that their outreach and information sharing benefit the Senate and serves as a way to have more balanced committee membership and more inclusive Senate election ballots.

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In fulfilling its charge, as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, COMS carried out the following activities.

- A. **Academic Senate Committees:** Appointments to all of Berkeley's standing committees for 2024-25.
- B. **UC Systemwide Committees:** Nominations of Berkeley campus representatives to all 16 standing systemwide committees for 2023-24. COMS also nominates Berkeley Senate faculty to additional systemwide requests. COMS recommended faculty nominees to the following systemwide committee/task forces.
- Academic Council's Special Committee on Lab Issues (ACSCOLI)
 - BOARS Area C Workgroup
 - Editorial Committee
 - Faculty Welfare Task Force on Investment and Retirement
 - Shared Library Facilities Board
 - UCLA Chancellor Search Advisory Committee
 - UCSD Chancellor Review Committee
 - UC Unmanned Aircraft Systems Advisory Board
- C. **Administrative Committees:** COMS recommended faculty nominees for the following administrative committees.
- Academic Program Committees
 - Accommodations Working Group
 - ASUC Student Union Board of Directors
 - Banking Working Group
 - Building Name Review Committee
 - Capital Renewal Committee
 - Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Disability Access and Planning
 - Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees
 - Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health
 - Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability
 - Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
 - Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Work and Family
 - Campus Committee on Classroom Policy and Management

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- Coordination Board
- Council on Advising and Student Support
- Data Governance Committee – Subcommittee on Teaching, Learning and Analytics Data
- DSP Partners' Group
- EVCP Task Force on Proctoring
- Green Initiative Fund
- Information Risk Governance Committee
- International Communications Advisory Committee
- IT Strategy Committee
- Joint Academic and Administrative Task Force on the Transfer Student Experience
- Joint Academic and Administrative Task Force on Mathematics
- Parking and Transportation Oversight Committee
- Protection of Human Subjects Committee
- Recreational Sports Board of Governors
- Risk Governance Committee
- Space Assignments on Capital Improvements Committee (SACI)
- Senate AI Task Force
- Society of Hellman Fellows Committee
- Student Conduct Committee
- Technology Foundation Committee
- University Athletics Board
- University Business Partnerships and Services Advisory Committee
- UC Berkeley Retirement Center

D. External Program Review nominations: COMS reviews the Senate Liaison nominations for the academic program reviews.

- Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- Department of Ancient Greek and Roman Studies
- Energy and Resources Group
- Mechanical Engineering
- Plant and Microbial Biology
- Physics
- Spanish and Portuguese

E. Dean or Chancellor Searches/Reviews: COMS recommended faculty nominees for the following administrative searches/reviews.

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- Haas School of Business Dean Search Committee
- School of Social Welfare Dean Search Committee
- School of Journalism Dean Search Committee

F. Miscellaneous

- ASUC and Graduate Assembly student member appointments
- Filling any late vacancies on campus and systemwide committees