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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The fall meeting of the Berkeley Division was called to order at 3:12 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019, in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center, pursuant to call. Professor Oliver O'Reilly, chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. The meeting commenced with announcements until the quorum of 50 Senate members was confirmed. The agenda was then approved.

I. Minutes
Enclosure 1

ACTION: Minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting of the Division were approved as presented.

II. Announcements by the President
President Janet Napolitano was unable to attend.

III. Other Announcements

A. Chancellor Carol Christ

The Chancellor announced that the campus had finally achieved a balanced budget. Efforts will be made to further diversify revenue sources and to gain more stable state funding. She noted the enormous need for capital funding.

In October 2019, parts of campus were closed for four days due to the PG&E public safety power shutoffs, and the limitations of the Cogeneration Plant were realized. During these times, instructional resilience is crucial and the Chancellor commended the Academic Senate's leadership during these critical times.

A new capital campaign will be launched on February 29, 2020. Goals include funding for 100 new faculty positions, graduate students, undergraduate financial aid, student housing, and projects such as the Berkeley Undergraduate Discovery Experience and Berkeley Connect.

B. Berkeley Division Chair Oliver O'Reilly

Division Chair O'Reilly briefly explained the 100th anniversary of the UC Berkeley faculty revolt, which led to the establishment of the Academic Senate's authority and privileges.

Chair O'Reilly described financial updates that included the upcoming capital campaign, a general obligation bond for UC on the March 2020 ballot, a new budget model, and the search for a new chief financial officer. The Senate is also looking at compliance issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, has produced a statement on Unit 18 lecturers, and has collaborated with the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) and the Graduate Assembly.

Division Chair O'Reilly provided an update on undergraduate admissions from the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE). An internal systemwide undergraduate admissions audit was conducted over

the summer. Berkeley was found to be in compliance, with its strong Senate oversight over admissions, and is addressing some of the auditor's recommendations. Phase II will consist of observation during the admissions process, to be followed by a California State Auditors (CSA) audit.

Division Chair O'Reilly reviewed the Senate's efforts to improve relations with campus constituent groups. A celebration of 150 Years of Women at Berkeley is planned for 2020.

A biweekly newsletter, *The Fortnightly*, continues to provide reporting on Divisional Council's discussions and the Senate's actions.

Division Chair O'Reilly commended the staff in Student Services, the Committee on Courses of Instruction, Division Vice Chair Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, and former Division chair Barbara Spackman for their assistance and support during the recent power shutoffs.

C. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Aastha Jha

Vice President Jha is a 4th-year student in economics and data science with a minor in public policy. The ASUC asks that the Senate assist in addressing the pressures on students that interfere with their studies. For instance, the Senate has established a standardized policy on absences. Vice President Jha stated that it would help students if textbook costs decreased and syllabi were made available earlier. The ASUC appreciated the assistance students received during the recent power shutoffs. Faculty were encouraged to consult with the Center for Teaching and Learning. Students feel the full RRR (Reading, Review and Recitation) Week is needed for review time, rather than being used to compensate for lost instruction time during the semester.

IV. Special Orders-Consent Calendar

*For proposed legislative amendments, **additions** to the current text are noted by an underline; **deletions** to the current text are noted by a strikethrough line. Per Division bylaws the consent calendar is approved in the absence of a quorum.*

A. Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaw 37 (Graduate Council)

The Graduate Council proposed an amendment to the bylaws to add the Graduate Assembly Campus Affairs Vice President as a nonvoting *ex officio* member of Graduate Council. The Committee on Rules and Elections reviewed the proposed amendments and found them to be consonant with Berkeley Division legislation. Divisional Council also approved the proposed amendments.

37. GRADUATE COUNCIL

A. Membership

- The Graduate Council shall comprise the Dean of the Graduate Division, *ex officio*; at least twelve other Senate members; and three graduate students¹⁰; and the Graduate Assembly Campus Affairs Vice President, *ex officio*, as a nonvoting member.
- The Chair and Vice Chair are designated by the Committee on Committees from among the appointed members.

B. Duties

- The Council exercises administrative and coordinating functions in the Graduate Division at Berkeley in accordance with Senate By-Law 330.
- The Council may delegate its authority for the approval of graduate courses, numbered 200-299, to the Divisional Committee on Courses of Instruction. (En. 4.22.03)
- The Graduate Council may adopt bylaws setting out the membership and procedures for appointment of standing committees. (En. 11.8.05)

B. Proposed amendment to Berkeley Division Regulation A204 (Passed/Not Passed, Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grades)

The amendment is to remove the requirement for the Graduate Council to review requests for exceptions to the regulation for graduate students. The change is in keeping with GC's delegation of authority to the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) for other variances and for graduate course review. The Graduate Council and COCI approved the amendment. The Committee on Rules and Elections found the amendment to be consonant with Berkeley Division legislation. Divisional Council also approved the proposed amendment.

A204. PASSED/NOT PASSED, SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY GRADES

Subject to the following limitations and to any additional regulations which may be adopted by the Faculties of the various Schools and Colleges and the Graduate Council:

- Undergraduates in good academic standing may elect to undertake letter-graded courses on a Passed or Not Passed basis; and
 - Graduate students in good academic standing may elect to undertake letter-graded courses on a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory basis.
- A.** Students enrolled in degree programs may receive credit for courses graded Passed or Satisfactory to a limit of one-third of the total units undertaken and passed on the Berkeley Campus at the time the degree is awarded.
- Units completed in an Education Abroad Program, on another University of California campus by an undergraduate in an intercampus visitor program, or by a graduate in an intercampus exchange or joint doctoral program are considered Berkeley work for the purpose of this Regulation.
 - For graduate degree programs, grades of Satisfactory assigned in courses numbered 299 and courses in 300, 400, or 600 series are excluded in the computation.
- B.** Courses which are required in, or are prerequisite to, the student's major may be taken Passed or Not Passed or Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory only upon approval of the Faculty of the student's School or College,
- Courses which are required in a graduate student's major subject are determined by the student's adviser.
- C.** Special or limited-status students may take courses on a Passed or

Not Passed basis at the discretion of the Dean of the School or College in which they are enrolled.

- D. Further exception to this Regulation may be made only with the approval of the Committee on Courses of Instruction of the Berkeley Division and, where graduate students are concerned, the Graduate Council.

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

V. Reports of Special Committees

None

VI. Report of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Rules and Elections

Enclosure 2

The Committee on Rules and Elections provided a written report of conforming changes to Berkeley Division (BD) bylaws 406 (Master of Bioprocess Engineering Degree), 1050 (Admission), 1051 (Master's Degree Requirements); and Part III, Title IV, BD Bylaw 1540 (Master of Design).

VII. Petitions of Students (None)

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. University and Faculty Welfare

A. Office of Disability Access & Compliance

The time allotted for questions in this presentation was extended. ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)/Section 504 Compliance Officer Ella Callow provided an update on the Office of Disability Access and Compliance (DAC). She briefly reviewed the DAC's purview to enable access to disability resources and to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal laws. She reviewed the services DAC provides to the campus community, noting that DAC does not provide academic support; that is handled by the Disabled Students' Program. DAC plans to conduct a faculty survey to identify faculty issues about accommodation.

B. Campus capital projects

A panel was held on academics-related capital projects and the new Capital Project Approval Process. The panelists were: Paul Alivisatos, Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (EVCP); Rosemarie Rae, Vice Chancellor of Finance/Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Lisa Alvarez-Cohen, Vice Provost for Academic Planning; John Arvin, Associate Vice Chancellor for Capital Strategies; Marc Fisher, Vice Chancellor for Administration; and Wendy Hillis, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Capital Strategies and Campus Architect.

EVCP Alivisatos presented an update on capital project planning. He noted the consequences of insufficient state funding; the campus must identify funding from multiple sources, including philanthropy. The planning process is guided by the Long-Range Development Plan (the LRDP, which is currently being updated), together with the Campus Management Plan (CMP). New projects provide an opportunity to modernize and improve academic spaces, with input

from the deans and the Academic Senate. Each project is viewed within the totality of all campus projects under consideration and prioritized according to parameters such as seismic stability and project sequencing. Evans Hall is the top priority for replacement.

The new Capital Project Approval Process provides for better oversight of projects. A new academic planning review committee will review all projects once they have passed a feasibility phase. Project-specific committees will oversee the financial and technical aspects. The new process will provide greater transparency and consultation.

During the power shutoffs, it was found that the Cogeneration Plant needed to be strengthened, and additional instructional resilience planning put into place.

In an open discussion, audience members raised questions about specific projects, such those in intercollegiate athletics (which were mandated by Title IX) and campus-owned housing at University Terrace, and the power shutoffs.

X. **New Business**
None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

J. Keith Gilliss
Secretary, Berkeley Division