

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, February 28, 2022 – 12:10-2:00 PM
South Hall, Room 205**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, February 28, in South Hall, Conference Room 205. Division Chair Ronald Cohen presided. Quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. A. MINUTES of the meeting of February 14, 2022

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations

B. Request to rename the Graduate School of Education

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair Ronald Cohen

Elections:

Post for elections for DIVCO and COMS will go out on Monday, February 28, 2022. There will be five nominations for DIVCO.

Transfer Admissions:

The Academic Council had a discussion about transfer admissions. While at UC Berkeley, our sense is that political pressure is focused on increased freshman admissions, the UC system also feels pressure related to transfer admissions. There is a perceptions that it is hard to transfer into a UC when the reality is likely different.

Online Undergraduate Degrees:

There is an ongoing discussion systemwide about online degrees. Many members of Academic Council are opposed to online undergraduate degrees. There is more support for some form of hybrid degree. Currently, there is no proposal for an online degree and a proposal would help to shape concerns more concretely.

Disabled Student Advocacy:

Students advocating for disabled students at UCLA want every class recorded as a matter of instructional practice and procedure. Berkeley is trying to increase course capture in classrooms; however, there are issues with supply chain to gather parts for a substantial increase in capability. The systemwide Committee on Academic Freedom has written a forthcoming document that explores the tensions between academic freedom and Disabled Students' accommodations, recommending that not all courses should be recorded. Requests for accommodations should be based on the individual student and not a blanket request for all DSP students. A focus should be on building a better culture of engaging DSP and finding what works best for students and faculty in the classroom.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion only: Finance Reform

Guest: Christopher Hallett

Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) member Christopher Hallett described CAPRA's work in partnership with Rosemarie Rae and others in the administration to restart the finance reform process, now known as the Financial Sustainability Initiative. The plan is for an iterative process aimed at correcting financial inequities, increasing transparency in decision making, and aligning incentives with priorities. A CAPRA subcommittee is working with the administration on a white paper outlining the inadequacies of the current financial and governance systems at UC Berkeley and framing a discussion of possible improvements. One member of DIVCO mentioned a white paper from several years ago that diagnoses the issues and should be reviewed as the discussion moves forward.

Chair Cohen mentioned that campus administration has committed to allocating approximately 70 faculty searches for 2022-23. BIR is proceeding with this plan with options for increasing or decreasing if unexpected budget changes occur.

B. Discussion only: Enrollment Responses to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lawsuit

Chair Cohen explained that the appeals court has placed an injunction on UC Berkeley requiring the campus to cap its enrollment at 2020-21 levels. Fall 2020 enrollment was low due to COVID-19. This means UC Berkeley must admit ~5,000 fewer applicants to yield approximately 3,000 fewer students on campus for Fall 2022. Alternative solutions have been discussed and ruled out for various reasons. The total expected revenue loss is approximately \$100M, higher than the \$57M that has been reported in the media. DIVCO discussed possible modifications to the situation and impacts on UC Berkeley.

C. Discussion only: Campus mask mandate

Chair Cohen opened a discussion about the lifting the campus mask mandate scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022. Questions were raised about the reasoning behind the decision and especially its timing mid-semester. DIVCO members expressed concerns about increased anxiety that would be created for faculty, lecturers, and Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs). Chair Cohen will relay these concerns to the administration.

D. Discussion/action: Proposed Revisions to BDB 19 and 20

ACTION: Due to lack of time, the proposed revisions to BDB 19 and 20 were not discussed. This agenda item will be discussed at the next DIVCO meeting.

E. Discussion only: Office of Ethics, Risk and Compliance Services' (OERCS) annual risk assessment – Committee feedback

DIVCO discussed the comments submitted by the Committees on Courses of Instruction (COCI); Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors, and Financial Aid (CUSHFA); Faculty Welfare (FWEL); and Library (LIBR) that will be shared with OERCS. Based on the discussion the following items will be presented to the OERCS as our highest priorities:

1. Human Resources (HR)/UCPath system.
2. Deferred maintenance.

F. Forward*: Proposed simple name change: Chicax and Latinx Studies

Forwarded to the committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for March 14, 2022.

G. Forward*: (Second Systemwide Senate Review) Proposed Presidential Policy on UC Research Data

Forwarded to the committee on Research (COR). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2022.

H. Forward*: Proposal for a UCB Committee on Climate Change

Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA); Research (COR); and Teaching (COT). DIVCO discussion not yet scheduled.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Attest: Chair Ronald Cohen
Recorder: Patrick G. Allen, Academic Senate Analyst

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2022

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/24/22	2/7/22 - CANCELLED	2/14/22	2/28/22	3/14/22	3/28/22	4/11/22	4/25/22	5/9/22
Aguilera, Adrian	P		P	P					
Catanese, Brandi	P		P	A					
Cohen, Ronald	P		P	P					
Doremus, Holly	P		P	P					
Fernald, Lia	P		A	P					
Gilles, J. Keith*	P		P	P					
Glaunsinger, Britt	P		P	P					
Hesse, Carla	P		P	P					
Kern, Richard	P		P	P					
Leonard, Thomas	P		P	P					
McMains, Sara	P		A	P					
Olney, Martha	P		P	A					
Ozer, Emily	P		P	P					
Plaut, Victoria	P		P	P					
Sayre, Nathan	P		P	P					
Siu, Lok	P		A	P					
Smart, Mary Ann	P		P	P					
Sweetser, Eve	P		P	P					
Tarica, Estelle	P		P	A					
INVITED GUESTS *	1/24/22	2/7/22	2/14/22	2/28/22	3/14/22	3/28/22	4/11/22	4/25/22	5/9/22
Hallett, Christopher				P					

SENATE STAFF	1/24/22	2/7/22	2/14/22	2/28/22	3/14/22	3/28/22	4/11/22	4/25/22	5/9/22
Allen, Patrick				P					
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P		P	P					
Corley, Linda									
Dobin, Deborah									
Ferrell, Haniya	P		P	A					
Lynch, William									
MacIntyre, Courtney									
Marias Dezendorf, Rachel									
Mitchell, Lanayah									
Quiggle, Sumei									

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting