

**APPROVED MINUTES  
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL  
Monday, May 8, 2023 – 12:10-2:30 PM  
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, May 8, 2023 in Stephens Hall, conference room 310. Division Chair Mary Ann Smart presided. Quorum was present, as shown on the attached attendance chart. The agenda was reordered to discuss the most urgent items first.

**I. A. MINUTES** of the meeting of April 17, 2023

Revisions were suggested for the minutes.

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

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**B. Clark Kerr Award 2023 Nominations**

**C. Proposal to UCOP on FTE Counting for DSP Students**

**D. Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy – Clery Act Policy**

**E. Authorization for the division chair to act on behalf of the Divisional Council during summer break. Authorization for the division vice chair to act on behalf of the chair and the Divisional Council in the absence of the chair during summer break.**

**ACTION:** The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Division Chair Mary Ann Smart*

Division meeting – The Spring Division meeting took place on May 4, 2023. Vice Chair Max Auffhammer had a conversation with UC Provost Katherine Newman about the future of graduate education, and the proposed change to Berkeley Division Bylaw 3 passed with overwhelming support.

Academic Council – Academic Council took place on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. There was a proposed change to Senate Bylaw 55 on the agenda.

Research grant program – A new research grant program (“SPARKS”) for faculty went into effect last week. The grant amount is capped at \$7,500, and the application is uncomplicated.

Senate End-of-Year Reception – The Academic Senate End-of-Year Reception will take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Academic Senate offices. Recipients of Senate awards will be recognized.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion/action: Program Review – Department of Molecular and Cell Biology**

Due to time constraints, an additional DIVCO meeting was scheduled for discussion of this item.

**B. Discussion/action: Proposal for Department and Undergraduate Degree in Neuroscience**

Chair Smart highlighted some of the concerns in the committee comments, with the main issue being funding shortfalls in an environment where resources are already stretched thin.

In the ensuing discussion, DIVCO members expressed the need for a clarified budget. While the committee supported the intellectual vision, there was an overarching question of where the funds that are being asked for in the proposal will come from.

Additional issues raised related to the proposed teaching load and the urgency of creating a new department. A few DIVCO members spoke to the urgency in the creation of a department, explaining that there is some demand from undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty.

DIVCO was unanimously in support of this proposal intellectually, but requested a revised proposal that addressed the concerns discussed.

**ACTION:** DIVCO authorized Chair Smart to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

**C. Discussion/action: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities**

Chair Smart explained that this policy would increase support for those with vulnerable immigration statuses.

There was only brief discussion, as DIVCO members were in support of the proposed policy.

**ACTION:** DIVCO authorized Chair Smart to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Chair of Academic Council.

**D. Discussion only: EVCP Updates**

*Guest: Benjamin Hermalin, EVCP*

After brief introductions, EVCP Hermalin expressed that it has been an unexpectedly challenging year. The graduate student strike will create ripples going forward in relation to graduate education. In addition, the budget is fundamentally challenging, which has very little to do with graduate students. Revenues are increasing far more slowly than costs, and this situation will be unsustainable in the long term.

EVCP Hermalin then shared his priorities for the year. One is **financial sustainability**, which was slowed by the strike. The decisions that were being made and the resources available were not in alignment. There has been progress in reducing the **bureaucratic burden**—there will be more thought given to the cost of staff/faculty time when a new proposal arises. Improving the sense of **belonging and inclusion** on campus was also one of the priorities shared by the EVCP.

Following his updates, EVCP Hermalin answered questions that were provided by DIVCO in advance of the meeting. The EVCP spoke to how his priorities and objectives differed from when he first took the position of EVCP, the importance of working with donors to ensure that funds are distributed where needed, needed increases in full-time equivalent (FTE) and ladder faculty, and how indirect costs work. The EVCP also briefly spoke about graduate education.

**E. Discussion/action: Program Review – Department of Chemistry**

Due to time constraints, an additional DIVCO meeting was scheduled for discussion of this item.

**F. Discussion/action: Proposal for a New Undergraduate Degree in Education**

Chair Smart provided a summary of committee comments, which were generally supportive.

In the DIVCO discussion, members noted that many of the proposed courses are either online or hybrid.

It was also noted that there is no information in the proposal about the opinion of the College of Letters and Science (L&S) with respect to the proposal. Additional concerns included getting faculty to teach the courses, the need to clarify intentions about the relationship between this proposed degree and credential programs, and the lack of information in the proposal about the science of learning.

Overall, DIVCO supported the proposal with some constructive comments, and the majority of the committee was in favor of approving the proposal.

**ACTION:** DIVCO authorized Chair Smart to draft a letter and forward committee comments to the Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

**G. Discussion only: CAPRA Budget & Policy Recommendations, 2022-23**

The Chair of the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) provided a summary of CAPRA's budget and policy recommendations for the academic year 2022-23. Mainly, CAPRA stated that it was important to communicate how dire the budget situation is, and the committee does not think that Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs), philanthropy, or entrepreneurial efforts made by campus are sufficient to address the issue.

CAPRA also provided some actionable recommendations to the administration, such as increasing transparency about the budget at the department level, increasing incentives for faculty retention, and stressing the value of research universities to economic growth to state legislature.

DIVCO will forward CAPRA's recommendations to the Chancellor and EVCP.

#### **H. Discussion/action: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents, and Innovation Transfer**

DIVCO discussion included the changes that are implicated by the proposed amendments, which puts the management of intellectual property at the discretion of individual campuses. There was some concern shared about Berkeley's management systems of intellectual property, which some DIVCO members expressed is not in the interest of individual faculty.

There was also a discussion about compensation rates for inventors, who receive 35% of the University's net commercial income from inventions, with the remaining 65% going to campus.

DIVCO members were supportive of the policy revision, but wanted to share concerns with Berkeley administration.

**ACTION:** Chair Smart will draft a letter and circulate it to DIVCO members for review.

### **I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **A. Systemwide Senate Review of Presidential Policy on Anti-Discrimination**

#### **B. Systemwide Senate Review of Revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management**

#### **C. Chancellor's Joint Oversight Committee on Parking and Transportation 2022-23 Annual Report**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Recorder: Haniya Ferrell, Administrative Assistant

**DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2023**

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/13/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
Aguilera, Adrian	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ashmore, Robert	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Berrick, Jill Duerr	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
Boering, Kristie	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Doremus, Holly	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Fernald, Lia	P	P	P	A	A	P		P
Fischer, Felix	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Gilless, J. Keith*	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ginsborg, Hannah	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Glaunsinger, Britt	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Leonard, Thomas	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	A
Luo, Kunxin	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P
Olney, Martha	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
Philip, Thomas	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	P
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sweetser, Eve	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A
Wallace, Nancy	P		P					P
<b>INVITED GUESTS *</b>	<b>1/23/23</b>	<b>2/6/23</b>	<b>2/27/23</b>	<b>3/13/23</b>	<b>3/20/23</b>	<b>4/3/23</b>	<b>4/17/23</b>	<b>5/8/23</b>
García Bedolla, Lisa		P						
Cohn, Jenae		P						
Dark, Shawna		P						



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P=Present   A=Absent   \* Non-voting