

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, September 11, 2023 – 12:10-2:30 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, September 11, 2023 in Stephens Hall, room 310. Division Chair Maximilian Auffhammer presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart. The agenda was reordered to accommodate the guests for item V.A. and B.

I. A. MINUTES of the meeting of September 11, 2023

Enclosure 1

B. MINUTES of the meeting of May 8, 2023

Enclosure 2

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Proposed Amendment to BDB 163 (Parliamentary Authority)

Enclosure 3

B. Proposed Amendment to BDB 16 (Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations)

Enclosure 4

C. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations

Enclosure 5

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Auffhammer stated that there is a renewed discussion about the 299 syllabi, regarding the supervision of individual graduate students. Chair Auffhammer will be working with the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) on examples of syllabi, which could be used as templates. Chair Auffhammer asked DIVCO members if departments had any syllabi to share with him.

Chair Auffhammer explained that a sign-up sheet will be circulated regarding research presentations for DIVCO meetings. DIVCO members will present their research or projects for five minutes before each DIVCO meeting.

There are no new updates on the Chancellor search committee. Chair Auffhammer described that preparations are being made for *Campus Day*, which is the day that the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee will be visiting the Berkeley campus. Later at this meeting, DIVCO will have a lengthy discussion on what DIVCO wishes to convey to the committee.

Chair Auffhammer stated that the informational item on Office of Faculty Equity and Welfare (OFEW) is in the agenda packet, and he urged members to read it for a future discussion.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion only: University Librarian Search Listening Session

Guests: Jennifer Johnson-Hanks Executive Dean, College of Letters and Science, Chair of the University Librarian Search Committee

Kristine Lee Wilby, Academic Affairs Manager

Martin Olssen, Professor, Mathematics & Member of the UL Search Advisory Committee

Executive Dean Johnson-Hanks stated that DIVCO should elicit thoughts and guidance on what is being sought for the next University Librarian. She also explained that the search announcement was issued last week and that a search firm will be used to help identify a broader pool of applicants, which will help the Chancellor and Provost make a well-informed decision.

DIVCO members expressed the following characteristics for the next UL:

- Experience in fundraising, which would be a critical part of the job;
- Familiarity with current and future challenges;
- Strong management experience;
- Proactive—more of a public voice;
- Someone who appreciates education and prioritizes relationships;
- Someone who is an extension of the classroom, supporting courses;
- Someone who is interested in educating both faculty and students on being acquainted with the library and its systems.

Some challenges that DIVCO members noted are the following:

- Where is the Library going? In terms of Library space (not used in its intended usage);
- Closing libraries—how do we decide (which database) is important;
- The resources to keep libraries open during the times when students are not in the classroom.

Executive Dean Johnson-Hanks asked DIVCO members to email the search committee or fill out the survey; any notes or nominations will be shared in full with the UL search advisory committee. If DIVCO members have any questions, they can email her at johnsonhanks@berkeley.edu.

B. Discussion only: Cal Performances

Guests: Jeremy Geffen, Executive and Artistic Director—Cal Performances

Jenny Riek, Director of Marketing and Communications

Director Geffen discussed the ways that Cal Performances forms an integral part of the UC Berkeley community. Though UC Berkeley consistently acts as a catalyst of invaluable experience that not only contributes to the quality of the Berkeley education, it also brings the campus closer to the wider communities it serves. Director Geffen stressed the importance of students having access to performances. In the current climate, there is an increased need for empathy building—seeing performances is a primary vehicle for building empathy.

Director Geffen revealed the other ways the Cal Performances services the community; They professionally manage 72 rental events each year, including:

- Zellerbach Auditorium & Zellerbach Playhouse;
- Wheeler Auditorium;
- Greek Theater

Executive Director Geffen encouraged DIVCO members to attend a Cal Performance sometime during the year and to email him directly at jgeffen@berkeley.edu.

C. Discussion only: Chancellor Search

Chair Auffhammer provided prompts prior to the meeting requesting DIVCO members think about what challenges and opportunities the incoming Chancellor will face.

DIVCO members described the following traits that they would hope the search committee prioritizes as they search for the next Chancellor:

- Someone excellent at forecasting challenges (75-85% of the job is solving problems)
- Forming a collaborative relationship with the UC Regents
- Maintaining Cal/UC Berkeley values and identity;
- Someone who will work with Sacramento through UCOP and possibly directly.
- Someone with Berkeley experience;
- Someone the Departments would take seriously as a scholar
- Someone who is a good administrator;
- Understand shared governance and demonstrate a willingness to fight for it
- Someone who can navigate local politics and getting local buy-in for their initiatives (beyond the university).

DIVCO members stated that the following issues needed to be addressed by the next Chancellor:

- Housing and safety issues;
- Ideas on how to build channels for success for underrepresented minorities;
- Meeting and leading challenges by AI and Climate Change

Executive Director Banaria encouraged DIVCO members to email her and Chair Auffhammer characteristics they did not wish to see as well as to think of other names of

colleagues they had worked with before.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Office of Faculty Equity and Welfare (OFEW) and Senate Searches

Email message from

Mary Ann Smart, Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate

Maximilian Auffhammer, Vice Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate

Victoria Plaut, Vice Provost for the Faculty

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm

Recorder: Dorothy Hashimoto, Administrative Assistant