

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, September 18, 2023 – 12:10-2:30 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, September 18, 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.

I. A. MINUTES of the meeting of September 11, 2023
Enclosure 1

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations
Enclosure 2

B. Proposed rescission of BDB 23 (Ombudspersons)
Enclosure 3

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chair Max Auffhammer

Chair Auffhammer reiterated his plans from last week regarding the 299 syllabi. He had received syllabi from the Psychology and Public Health departments and reworked them into a generic sample. He will be meeting with the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) to review the sample prior to having the systemwide Academic Senate and the Employee and Labor Relations (ELR) review it. If departments have questions, they should be directed to Chair Auffhammer or the Chair of COCI.

Chair Auffhammer stated the results of the University's branding exercise. Athletics, then referred to as "Cal" is recommended to be rebranded as "Cal Berkeley." Anything that is not athletics is recommended to be referred to as "Berkeley."

Chair Auffhammer provided an update that there is a new form for regular merit reviews. The campus will be using this method moving forward.

Finally, Chair Auffhammer described that there have been numerous conversations centered around Intercollegiate Athletics (IA). He asked that DIVCO members think about the implications of the new conference membership, and what it means for athletes' travel, classroom success, and academic expectations. Chair Auffhammer will be working with the Chancellor's office and IA leadership on creating a two-page fact sheet

about IA. DIVCO members questioned the goal for these conversations.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion only: Graduate Education

Guest: Lisa García-Bedolla, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate Division

Vice Provost García-Bedolla thanked the DIVCO members for their service. She acknowledged that over the last four years, much work was done to keep Berkeley afloat, especially during the pandemic.

Vice Provost García-Bedolla shared new metrics regarding this years' cohorts, Ph.D. programs, and graduate education. She explained that there were various departments with increases and declines in enrollment following the strike, but graduate enrollments have consistent with pre-pandemic trends. Top reasons for declining acceptances include academic fit and funding.

Vice Provost García-Bedolla stated that there are challenges with the implementation of the 299 syllabi efforts and rebuilding relationships. UC Employee Labor Relations (ELR) is understaffed which makes it difficult to get answers in a timely manner.

Discussion followed, and there was a comment opposing the *Conflict of Attestation* policy since it creates more burden. DIVCO members commented on the process and policy, and others provided suggestions to the process. The main reason for this policy is to avoid legal repercussions when considering admissions.

B. Discussion only: Graduate education—Framing Academic Senate “Study”

Chair Auffhammer asked DIVCO members to think about what aspects related to graduate education they are worried about in their respective fields in the next five years. Some of these concerns included:

- The shrinking graduate student populations and how it affects being able to have Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) teach classes. The bottleneck is the number of GSIs as a resource issue.
- Issues surrounding rules and resources with respect to DSP.

DIVCO members revisited the conflict-of-interest policy and how it affects the bureaucratic burden on departments. Members sympathized with those departments that were heavily burdened by this policy. One member believed that this policy should have the university set a strategic direction, instead of being directed by legal advice.

C. Forward*Systemwide Senate Review: Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Health Care Organizations

Forwarded to the committees on Faculty Welfare (FWEL) and Diversity, Equity and Campus Climate (DECC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for October 16, 2023.

D. Forward* *Report of the Joint Academic and Administrative Working Group on the University Library*

Forwarded to the committees of Academic Planning & Resource Allocation (CAPRA) and Library (LIBR). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for October 30, 2023.

E. Forward* *Systemwide Senate Review: Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 55 (Departmental Voting Rights)*

Forwarded to the committees on Budget and Interdepartmental relations (BIR) and rules and Elections (R&E). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2023.

F. Forward* *Review of the Department of Economics*

Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning & Resource Allocation (CAPRA); Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR); Diversity, Equity and Campus Climate (DECC); Graduate Council (GC); and Undergraduate Council (UGC). DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2023.

**All materials are in Box:*

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VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. COCI Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 4

B. AMCULT Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 5

C. COMS Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 6

D. Rules & Elections Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 7

E. Graduate Council Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 8

F. Undergraduate Council Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 9

G. CAPRA Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 10

H. COR Annual Report 2022-23

Enclosure 11

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm

Recorder: Dorothy Hashimoto, Administrative Assistant

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, FALL 2023

DIVCO MEMBERS	8/28/23	9/11/23	9/18/23	10/2/23	10/16/23	10/30/23	11/13/23	12/4/23	12/11/23
Allen, Amani	P	A	P						
Ansell, Christopher	P	P	P						
Arriola, Leo			P						
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P						
Bunge, Silvia	P	P	P						
Deacon, Terrence	P	P	P						
Fernald, Lia	A	P	P						
Firestone, Mary	P	P	P						
Hayes, Tyrone	P	P	A						
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	P	P						
Landreth, David	P	P	P						
Levy, Jonah	P	P	P						
Morello-Frosch, Rachel	P	P	P						
Nelson, Jelani	P	P	P						
Puckett, Kent	P	A	A						
Sheehan, Jonathan	P	P	P						
Villas-Boas, J. Miguel	P	P	P						
Volpp, Sophie	P	P	P						
Wallace, Nancy	P	P	P						
Wildsoet, Christine	P	P	P						
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	A						

INVITED GUESTS *	8/28/23	9/11/23	9/18/23	10/2/23	10/16/23	10/30/23	11/13/23	12/4/23	12/11/23
Garcia-Bedolla, Lisa			P						

SENATE STAFF	8/28/23	9/11/23	9/18/23	10/2/23	10/16/23	10/30/23	11/13/23	12/4/23	12/11/23
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P	P	P						
Hashimoto, Dorothy	P	P	P						

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting