

**APPROVED MINUTES  
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL  
Monday, October 2, 2023 – 12:10-2:00 PM  
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, October 2, 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 18, 2023  
*Enclosure 1*

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

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations**  
*Enclosure 2*

**ACTION:** The revised Consent Calendar was approved. Agenda item II.B. was voted to be removed from the Consent Calendar and to be discussed later in the meeting as item V.C.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Chair Max Auffhammer*

Chair Auffhammer explained that future agenda packets will be lengthy due to the nature of the topics.

Chair Auffhammer highlighted that UC Office of the President (UCOP) announced the Chancellor search process and opportunities for input. Some DIVCO members raised concern regarding the representation of fields of those in the *Chancellor's Search Advisory Committee*. Chair Auffhammer stated that there is an email message which contained dates for the public town halls to voice their input.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion only:**

*Guests: Chancellor Carol T. Christ*

*Khira Griscavage, Associate Chancellor and Chief of Staff, Chief Ethics and Risk and Compliance Officer*

The Chancellor described the biggest priorities and challenges that the next Chancellor will face. These included:

- Identify a different financial framework;

- Continue to raise money at a very high level for additional student housing, as well as continue the housing projects;
- Create new relationships with venture projects;
- Address topics related to athletics;
- Recover from the pandemic;
- Build /re-build community; and
- Contend with the pressure from the State to increase enrollments with what undergraduate students' majors.
- Knowing how to know what you do not know; making serious decisions and knowing how and who to ask especially surrounding the Entrepreneurial landscape – STEM.

Chair Auffhammer directed the Chancellor towards one of the submitted questions regarding the status of the People's Park project. The Chancellor shared that State Legislators passed two pieces of legislation.

There was an inquiry to campus about the possibility of bringing a Berkeley campus to downtown San Francisco. The abundance of vacant commercial and hotel space might present an opportunity to expand operations. However, it is important to find structures that meet seismic standards. Berkeley is being approached by property owners and looking into large-scale and innovative strategies to address the student and faculty housing challenges. Other possible locations were discussed.

The Chancellor shifted the conversation to Cal Berkeley Athletics, starting with a historical perspective on how Intercollegiate Athletics (IA) gradually became interdependent with universities. The Chancellor believes that the opportunities that athletics provides student athletes are extraordinary. She noted that graduation rates are the highest along with stellar Grade Point Averages (GPA). The conference realignment will continue to be an issue for the next Chancellor. With this in mind, the athletes have expressed that they want to play at the highest level.

Chair Auffhammer then opened the floor for additional questions from DIVCO members; these included:

- Clarifying some statements, the Chancellor made earlier regarding the University Development and Alumni Relations (UDAR) and where donations would be directed.
- Inquiring if there had been studies completed on Division 3 universities and their funding as it pertains to athletics.
- Asking about the learning gap associated with the pandemic affecting incoming students, and if Berkeley is doing enough to meet the student's academic level.
- Addressing reducing bureaucratic burdens and being more flexible surrounding policies.
- Asking what Berkeley is doing to support first-year efforts for students—such as re-doing the first three floors of Moffett Library.

Following the Chancellor's departure, DIVCO members debriefed on the following topics:

- Reducing bureaucratic burden efforts - reordering bureaucratic requirements, instead of reducing them;
- Lack of information on future student athlete travel;
- The inquiry of what studies exist on the projections on donors on Division 1 (D1) athletics and for more facts on athletics; and
- Lack of investment on other public-facing units, such as Cal performances.

**B. Discussion/action:** Proposal for MBA/MCS concurrent degree

*Enclosure 4*

Chair Auffhammer summarized the proposal and stated that there is a proposed collaboration between Haas School of Business and Rausser College of Natural Resources due to the increased interest in sustainability. In the proposed degree for a Master's of Climate Solutions, students will be able to apply to both programs and save a semester.

Chair Puckett of Graduate Council (GC) explained that there was unanimous support for this proposal for this program with strong academic justification for this concurrent degree. There is a clear set of strengths that each program would bring to the students. The leadership skills in one direction and the awareness of the climate crises in the other, which leads to a sense of synergy. There is also a careful accounting for the academic and governing structure—completing both programs in five semesters instead of six. The admissions process was clearly explained — students who were accepted into one program instead of the other still had the opportunity to join this program. One question discussed at length is the fact that this is the first time we bring together a Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDP) and a state-supported graduate program. How will revenue and cost sharing to the separate units be realized? This program met the goals that the partnership would have to meet:

1. Follow University rules about the need to account strictly for the difference between the different dollars.
2. Produce at an overall cost for the concurrent degree program that is both below the combined cost of the two degrees; also below the cost of similar degree programs.

Chair Morello-Frosh of the Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) Committee stated that this program proves a more efficient way for students to complete a degree in two areas. Some comments included:

- Concerns in diversity of faculty relative to that of corresponding units;
- The extent to which workload associated with teaching will be addressed; what does that mean and how they will be compensated for participating—stipends, salary, and more clarity needed.

- For some faculty, teaching in the form of overload in this program will be counted toward professional service in their academic personnel reviews instead of their teaching.

Discussion followed on the number of students and the uncertainty of tracking them between the units. A few DIVCO members including Chair Auffhammer, stepped out due to a conflict of interest.

**ACTION:** DIVCO members unanimously voted in favor of this program. DIVCO authorized Executive Director Banaria to draft a letter to be forwarded to the Vice Provost of Academic Planning.

**C. Discussion only:** Enactment of BDB 73 College of Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS)  
*Enclosure 3*

Originally on the *Consent Calendar*, DIVCO members voted to remove this from the *Consent Calendar* for further discussion.

Members expressed that the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS) is missing representation in last “S” for Society. Chair Auffhammer noted that this concern has been present for years. Members hope for the last “S” to be more meaningfully represented. They questioned if the discussions surrounding this issue were finished and would be interested in obtaining more information on the opposing sides.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. FWEL Annual Report 2022-23**  
*Enclosure 5*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 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	P					
Ansell, Christopher	P	P	P	P					
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P	P					
Bunge, Silvia	P	P	P	A					
Deacon, Terrence	P	P	P	P					
Fernald, Lia	A	P	P	P					
Firestone, Mary	P	P	P	P					
Hayes, Tyrone	P	P	A	P					
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	P	P	P					
Landreth, David	P	P	P	P					
Levy, Jonah	P	P	P	P					
Morello-Frosch, Rachel	P	P	P	P					
Nelson, Jelani	P	P	P	P					
Puckett, Kent	P	A	A	P					
Sheehan, Jonathan	P	P	P	P					
Villas-Boas, J. Miguel	P	P	P	P					
Volpp, Sophie	P	P	P	P					
Wildsoet, Christine	P	P	P	P					
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	A	P					
INVITED GUESTS *	8/28/23	9/11/23	9/18/23	10/2/23	10/16/23	10/30/23	11/13/23	12/4/12	12/11/23
Christ, Carol				P					
Griscavage, Khira				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	P					
Hashimoto, Dorothy	P	P	P	P					

P=Present   A=Absent   \* Non-voting