

**APPROVED MINUTES  
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL  
Monday, October 16, 2023 – 12:10-2:00  
PM Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, October 16, 2023 in Stephens Hall, room 310. Division Chair Maximilian Auffhammer presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

**I. A. MINUTES** of the meeting of October 2, 2023  
*Enclosure 1*

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

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**B. Proposed amendment to BDB 21 (Committee on Faculty Welfare)**  
*Enclosure 3*

**C. Enactment of BDR 450, 451, 452, 453, and 454, Regulations for the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS)**  
*Enclosure 4*

**D. Enactment/renumbering of BDR 500, 501, and 502, Regulations for the Bachelor of Science degree in the Berkeley School of Education**  
*Enclosure 5*

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

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

Chair Auffhammer recapped his past days attending the Chancellor search. Chair Auffhammer thanked DIVCO members for coming to speak. The turnout could have been better across groups both in person and on Zoom. Chair Auffhammer suggested DIVCO members visit the Chancellor Search website to submit nominations and/or any underlying thoughts. The next step in the chancellor search is for the committee to work with a search firm on a position description. A subcommittee will then work with the firm to identify candidates to calibrate which individuals align with characteristics heard from constituents. The committee will meet some time next semester to review the candidates. There will be no campus visits.

Chair Auffhammer revisited the Athletics conversation. As mentioned, he is working on a campus conversation for later in the semester. Notification of this conversation is set to go

out two weeks prior to the event. The Semi-Annual University Athletics Board met recently to talk about Athletics issues. Chair Auffhammer learned recently that the number of teams whose travel schedule will be significantly impacted is three. He signaled concern about what this means for athletes access to majors with lab sections. Chair Auffhammer reiterated that we still do not have an understanding regarding the budget yet—FACL and CAPRA's work will be forthcoming regarding this. Following this announcement, DIVCO members expressed an interest in the following:

- Viewing the statistics from specific teams since there may be a difference in academic performance across sports.
- Another question related to the reason for varying drop-out rates. Are they due to students dropping out or being drafted. A DIVCO member clarified that football requires 3 years of college and basketball only 1 year before being eligible to be drafted.
- The percentage of students who return to finish their degrees—how easy is it to come back?
- Research on athletics and fundraising (already requested by Chair Auffhammer).

Chair Auffhammer reminded DIVCO members of the upcoming Division meeting via Zoom on Thursday November 2.

Chair Auffhammer wanted to remind DIVCO members to take deep breaths and breaks when times are stressful on campus. We can be both rigorous and kind during lengthy discussions.

Chair Auffhammer shared great news that DIVCO member and Chair of the Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR) Committee Rachel Morello-Frosch was inducted into the National Academy of Sciences. Chair Auffhammer also shared that DIVCO Elected member Tyrone Hayes has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Discussion/action: Review of the Department of Architecture**

Chair Auffhammer first summarized the committee comments prior to the Chairs of committees. Informed by committee comments, DIVCO members raised the following concerns:

- The dire need for more faculty; not being remotely near the floor;
- Facilities issues—lack of and the misuse of items (i.e. Using space heaters in a very old building);
- GSI and how they are utilized in the department—recommends curricular innovations that make instructional work from GSI intellectually rewarding as well as manageable while not making them work more than the contractual obligation (20 hours a week)
- Diversity of student population; higher percentage of international students—a good or bad thing?
- Better mentoring of Graduate students;

- Build stronger linkages to other departments—co-offering courses;
- Curricular innovation;
- Limited teaching capacity;
- 3-week start up course—making it more accessible for transfer students and their work obligations;

DECC Chair Wildsoet recommends the possibility of revisiting or checking in on Academic Reviews such as these every 4-5 years.

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

**B. Discussion/action: Revised Proposal to establish the Department of Neuroscience**

Chair Auffhammer noted that this is not the first time that this department proposal has been discussed by DIVCO. Informed by committee comments and revisions, DIVCO members raised the following concerns:

- The number of potential departures from peer departments;
- FTE planning
- How this new program will affect adjacent programs—knock down effects and the movement of faculty.
- Financial implications
- Space
- According to the documents submitted—are things already taking place before gaining approval?
- Teaching load—where they are getting their information/is it accurate?
- If campus is committed to increasing and building new colleges, we hope they are committed to increase the total aggregate of the faculty;
- Did Psychology endorse this proposal?
- Potential capping and the equity problems—how are we thinking as a campus about this phenomenon;

Due to time constraints, this topic will be continued in the October 30, 2023 DIVCO meeting.

**C. Discussion/action: Systemwide Review—Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Health Care Organizations**

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed and committee comments will be forwarded directly to UCOP.

**D. Forward\*Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed New APM – 672, Negotiated Salary Program**

*\*Materials available on Box.*

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. FAC Annual Report 2022-23**

*Enclosure 9*

**B. P&T Annual Report 2022-23**

*Enclosure 10*

**C. DECC Annual Report 2022-23**

*Enclosure 11*

**D. DIVCO Annual Report 2022-23**

*Enclosure 12*

**E. CMR Annual Report 2022-23**

*Enclosure 13*

**F. R&E Guidelines—Conducting Business Electronically**

*Enclosure 14*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 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	P				
Ansell, Christopher	P	P	P	P	P				
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P	P	P				
Bunge, Silvia	P	P	P	A	P				
Deacon, Terrence	P	P	P	P	P				
Fernald, Lia	A	P	P	P	A				
Firestone, Mary	P	P	P	P	A				
Hayes, Tyrone	P	P	A	P	P				
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	P	P	P	P				
Landreth, David	P	P	P	P	P				
Levy, Jonah	P	P	P	P	P				
Morello-Frosch, Rachel	P	P	P	P	P				
Nelson, Jelani	P	P	P	P	P				
Puckett, Kent	P	A	A	P	P				
Sheehan, Jonathan	P	P	P	P	P				
Villas-Boas, J. Miguel	P	P	P	P	P				
Volpp, Sophie	P	P	P	P	A				
Wallace, Nancy	P	P	P	P	P				
Wildsoet, Christine	P	P	P	P	P				
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	A	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

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	P				
Hashimoto, Dorothy	P	P	P	P	P				

P=Present   A=Absent   \* Non-voting