

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, October 24, 2022 – 12:10-2:00 PM
South Hall, Room 205**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, October 24, 2022 in South Hall, room 205. Division Chair Mary Ann Smart 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 October 10, 2022
Enclosure 1

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

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

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Division Chair Mary Ann Smart

Fall Division meeting: The Fall Division meeting took place on October 19, 2022. It included a presentation from the Chancellor, a lively and fast-paced discussion on the future of online instruction, and the resolution to restore funding to the library, which passed unanimously.

November 7 DIVCO meeting: At the DIVCO meeting on November 7, 2022, the agenda will include a discussion of the library budget, based on committee comments.

UC Leadership: Katherine S. Newman will begin her role as UC Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs on January 9, 2023.

bCourses Participation Verification: In response to a requirement by the Department of Education, the campus instituted a bCourses assignment asking students to confirm their participation in classes order to verify their eligibility for federal financial aid. There is general agreement that the version of the assignment used this fall was not well conceived. The campus's approach to meeting this requirement is being revised but will still involve inserting an additional assignment into bCourses for each course.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Discussion/action: Report of the Working Group on the Role of the University in Social/Political Actions

Due to time constraints, this item will be continued to the next DIVCO meeting on November 7, 2022.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion only: Increased Enrollment and Instructional Challenges

Guests: David Ackerly, Dean of Rausser College of Natural Resources

Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, Executive Dean of the College of Letters and Science

In her remarks Executive Dean Johnson-Hanks focused on the challenges posed by inadequate funding and governance structures. Funding shortfalls result in deferred maintenance, lack of classroom space, inadequate lab space/resources, inadequate/disproportionate staffing in campus departments, and an undesirable faculty to student ratio. Existing governance structures create situations in which decision rights over an issue are divided among several people or decision rights do not align with incentives. The result is often inefficiency.

Dean Ackerly addressed teaching excellence and stressed the importance of the attention that will need to be placed on the achievement gap of incoming students in the coming years, in large part due to COVID-19. He also briefly mentioned financial sustainability (formerly finance reform), online instruction, and the mismatch between faculty expertise and student demand.

The discussion that followed focused on what ways that the Senate can help to begin to address some of the issues in a meaningful way. DIVCO members described some of their experiences related to these issues and shared some initial ideas about solutions and priorities.

B. Discussion/action: Review of the Department of Slavic Studies

DIVCO discussed the department review, informed by committee comments. Issues that arose included:

- The department needs more staff.
- The department library is an important resource and social center and should have secure guaranteed funding.
- Although the department seems unlikely to get new FTE in the near future, there was strong support for its desire to maintain and add faculty strength in non-Russian Slavic languages and literature.
- There is a lack of transparency around funding for graduate students.
- The department may want to reconsider the language requirement for graduate students. It might be better for students to gain greater facility with a second Slavic language, rather than being required to pass an exam in a third language.
- A number of DIVCO members and members of the commenting committees felt that the campus language requirement for undergraduates should be more demanding.
- More could be done to promote visibility of the department's course offerings.
- The department and the Division should seek ways to support associate professors who have been at rank for several years.

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

C. Discussion/action: Proposal for a Master of Climate Solutions (MCS) Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Program

This proposal was previously endorsed by Graduate Council but rejected at the systemwide level, based mostly on concerns about the academic rigor of the program. The new proposal addresses most of the concerns articulated by the the systemwide Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs. The revised proposal adds a summer bootcamp, extends the capstone experience to two semesters, and includes more information on jobs students could obtain after completing the program.

DIVCO discussed some continuing concerns, many of them features of all self-sustaining graduate professional degree programs, including faculty workload and likely effect on state-supported programs and research productivity, staff time, and limited access to physical space/resources for other students. There was general agreement that the budget for the oversight of the capstone project, which has been increased in the revised proposal, is still unrealistically low. DIVCO decided to move forward with endorsing the proposal, while clearly voicing these reservations.

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

D. Forward*: Request for Mandatory Training on “Disability, Accommodation & Access in the UC Classroom.”

*Materials available on Box.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. 2020-2022 Committee on Computing and Information Technology (CIT) Annual Report

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Recorder: Haniya Ferrell, Administrative Assistant

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, FALL 2022

DIVCO MEMBERS	8/29/22	9/12/22	9/26/22	10/10/22	10/24/22	11/7/22	11/21/22	12/5/22	12/12/22
Aguilera, Adrian	P	P	P	P	A				
Ashmore, Robert	P	P	P		P				
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P	P	P				
Berrick, Jill Duerr	P	P	A	P	P				
Boering, Kristie	P	P	P	P	P				
Doremus, Holly	P	P	P	P	P				
Fernald, Lia	P	P	P	A	P				
Fischer, Felix	P	P	P	P	P				
Gilles, J. Keith*	P	P	P	A	P				
Ginsborg, Hannah	P	P	A	P	P				
Glaunsinger, Britt	P	A	P	P	P				
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	A	P	P	P				
Leonard, Thomas	P	P	P	P	P				
Luo, Kunxin	P	P	P	P	P				
Olney, Martha	P	A	P	A	A				
Philip, Thomas	P	P	P	P	P				
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P	P	P	P				
Sweetser, Eve	P	P	A	P	P				
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	P	A	P				
INVITED GUESTS *	8/29/22	9/12/22	9/26/22	10/10/22	10/24/22	11/7/22	11/21/22	12/5/22	12/12/22
Morello-Frosch, Rachel			P						
Ogundele, Olufemi			P						
Hillier, Adam			P						
Christ, Carol				P					

Hermalin, Benjamin				P					
Lambert, Andrea				P					
Yetter, Chris				P					
Griscavage, Khira				P					
Ackerly, David					P				
Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer					P				

SENATE STAFF	8/29/22	9/12/22	9/26/22	10/10/22	10/24/22	11/7/22	11/21/22	12/5/22	12/12/22
Allen, Patrick									
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P	P	P	P	P				
Corley, Linda									
Dobin, Deborah									
Ferrell, Haniya		P	P	P	P				
Lynch, William									
MacIntyre, Courtney									
Marias Dezendorf, Rachel									
Mitchell, Lanayah									
Quiggle, Sumei									

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting