

**APPROVED MINUTES  
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL  
Monday, December 17, 2018 – 12:00 – 2:00 PM  
Academic Senate Conference Room, 310 Stephens Hall**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, December 17, 2018, in the Academic Senate Conference Room in 310 Stephens Hall. Division Chair Barbara Spackman presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart. Professor Mary Ann Smart, member of the Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR), attended on behalf of BIR Chair Raka Ray. Guests at this meeting were: Athletics Director Jim Knowlton and Senior Associate Athletics Director Jennifer Simon-O'Neill for Item V.A., and for Item V.B: Fiona Doyle, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Graduate Dean, and David Presti, Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health member and Teaching Professor of Neurobiology.

**I. MINUTES** of the Meeting of December 3, 2018  
*Enclosure 1*

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

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Committee on Committees nominations**  
*Enclosure 2*

**Senate Committee Nominations for 2019-20**

**Division Chair**

Appointment of Professor Oliver O'Reilly (ME) to serve as Berkeley Division Chair for 2019-20.

**Division Vice Chair**

Appointment of Professor Lisa García Bedolla (Edu) to serve as Berkeley Division Vice Chair for 2019-20

**ACTION:** The COMS nominations were approved.

**B. Authorization for the division chair to act on behalf of the Divisional Council during winter break, until the Council reconvenes in the spring semester 2019. Authorization for the division vice chair to act on behalf of the chair and the Divisional Council in the absence of the chair during winter break, until the Council reconvenes in the spring semester 2019.**

**ACTION:** Authorization was approved.

**C. Nominations for the 2019 Berkeley Faculty Service Award (BFSA)**

*Enclosure 3a – 3b*

Two nominations from the Committee on Faculty Awards were received for the 2019 BFSA, which recognizes individuals for contributions having a lasting and significant impact on the excellence of the Berkeley campus. The nominations were very strong candidates deserving of recognition: Professor Nancy Wallace, Lisle and Roslyn Payne Chair in Real Estate Capital Markets and Chair of the Real Estate Group (Haas School of Business), and Professor Ignacio Navarrete (Spanish and Portuguese), who is currently chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education.

**ACTION:** The nominations were approved.

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Decanal searches: Queries from the units have been coming in requesting Senate guidance and clarification on recent changes to the decanal search process. To facilitate the change, both the proposal from the executive vice chancellor and provost and DIVCO's response letter will be posted online. Division Chair Spackman remains open to responding to any further inquiries.
- Faculty salaries: A 4% increase is expected next year, but President Janet Napolitano is considering a 5% increase.

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Update on intercollegiate athletics (IA)

Athletics Director Jim Knowlton was accompanied by Associate Athletics Director Simon-O'Neill to meet Divisional Council. The athletics director has been on campus for six months and has been meeting with members of the campus community. His priorities are the IA budget, compliance with Title IX, improved integration of athletics into campus culture, improving IA's communication with the community, improving morale among IA employees, and developing an IA vision and strategic plan.

DIVCO members raised a variety of issues and concerns about IA, including the need to ensure diversity and equity, increase faculty mentoring, and learning from successes at other institutions.

No action was taken on this item.

#### B. Student mental health issues

*Enclosures 4a – 4c*

*Additional background materials:*

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2018/11/anxiety-depression-mental-health-graduate-school/576769/>

[https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/\\_files/survey-documents-graduate/graduate\\_well\\_being\\_survey\\_report.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/_files/survey-documents-graduate/graduate_well_being_survey_report.pdf)

Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Fiona Doyle, co-chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Mental Health, and Professor Presti, a faculty member on the committee, provided an overview of student mental health concerns at Berkeley and asked for faculty support. The data presented show concerning levels of stress and depression in some Berkeley students. The faculty can increase their awareness of behaviors that might signal distress, and should foster a healthy environment and open communication in interactions with students. Resources for faculty are available online:

<https://recalibrate.berkeley.edu/one-click-mode/one-click-resources-faculty>

[https://www.ucop.edu/student-mental-health-resources/\\_files/pdf/PSMH-guide.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/student-mental-health-resources/_files/pdf/PSMH-guide.pdf)

Council members were very concerned about these issues. They recognized that graduate students face numerous added challenges in the current climate. Faculty members should be cognizant of the overall workload of students, balanced across preparation for seminars, research, and rising graduate student teaching obligations.

Vice Provost Doyle was open to meeting with Senate committees to further discuss these issues. No further action was taken at this time.

**C. Proposed Hong Kong University dual degree program**

*Enclosures 5a – 5b*

Undergraduate Council (UGC) Chair Jonah Levy presented an overview of this proposal. UGC was supportive of this effort but raised several concerns, as follows:

1. An academic rationale for the program is not given.
2. There is no assurance of financial aid or housing in Hong Kong, or provision for overseas health insurance for UC students.
3. Academic freedom for students in Hong Kong is not addressed. (Consultation regarding Yale University's programs in China might prove useful.)
4. Some key logistical and administrative issues are undetermined or not addressed.
5. Appropriate levels of English classes for Chinese students should be provided to ensure they have good language proficiency.

Council was supportive of the effort to provide new opportunities to Berkeley's students yet concurred with UGC's serious concerns, and recommended that the application process underway for fall 2019 be postponed for one year to allow time to address these serious concerns. If approved, the program could start in fall 2020.

**ACTION:** Divisional Council declined to endorse the proposal at this time and authorized Division Chair Spackman to forward comments to the associate vice chancellor of undergraduate education, requesting a response by April 2019.

**D. Forward\*: Review of the Department of Mathematics**

*Forwarded to the committees on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation; Budget and Interdepartmental Relations; Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate; Graduate Council; and Undergraduate Council; DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2019*

**E. Forward\*: Open access for theses and dissertation proposed policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> review**

*Forwarded to the committees on Academic Freedom, Library and Graduate Council; DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for February 25, 2019*

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.  
Recorder: M. Kwock, Assistant to the Chair

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, FALL 2018

DIVCO MEMBERS	8/27/18	9/10/18 Cancelled	9/24/18	10/8/18	10/22/18	11/5/18	11/19/18	12/3/18	12/17/18
Ahn, David	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ashmore, Robert	P		P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Battles, John	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Carson, Cathryn	P		P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Colford, John	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Frede-Montemayor, Victoria	P		A	P	P	P	P	A	P
Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer	P		P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Levy, Jonah	P		P	P	A	P	A	P	P
Milnes, David *	P		P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Navarrete, Ignacio	P		P	A	P	A	P	P	P
O'Reilly, Oliver	P		A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ray, Raka	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Sanyal, Debarati	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Scheffler, Richard	P		P	P	P	P	A	P	A
Spackman, Barbara	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steen, Shannon	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Taylor, Ula	P		P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Wallace, R. Jay	P		P	P	P	A	P	P	A
Zedeck, Sheldon	P		P	P	P	A	A	P	A

INVITED GUESTS *	8/27/18	9/10/18 Cancelled	9/24/18	10/8/18	10/22/18	11/5/18	11/19/18	12/3/18	12/17/18
Rodriguez, Juana Maria					P		P		
Alivisatos, Paul						P			
Christ, Carol						P			
Polse, Kenneth						P			
Constable, Marianne							P		
Hendershott, Terrence							P		
Archer, Heather								P	
Bhavnani, Kum-Kum								P	
Fisher, Marc								P	
Mackness, Jo								P	
May, Robert								P	
Doyle, Fiona									P
Knowlton, Jim									P
Presti, David									P
Simon-O'Neill, Jennifer									P
Smart, Mary Ann									P
SENATE STAFF	8/27/18	9/10/18 Cancelled	9/24/18	10/8/18	10/22/18	11/5/18	11/19/18	12/3/18	12/17/18
Green Rush, Andrea	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kwock, Marilyn	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P=Present A=Absent \* Non-voting