

APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, December 12, 2022 – 12:10-2:00 PM
***Zoom* Videoconference**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, December 12, 2022 via *Zoom* videoconference. Division Chair Mary Ann Smart presided. Quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations

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 2023. 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 2023.

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smart provided time for DIVCO members to share any questions regarding the UAW strike. Two groups that were still in the bargaining phase have agreed to mediation as of December 11th.

One DIVCO member shared that there had been little to no communication about pass/no pass grading for fall 2022 to faculty members, and a couple of members thought it may be helpful to share a timeline of the strike, as well as Senate actions/communications to Senate faculty.

DIVCO discussion then pivoted to discussion of a draft message from the Senate outlining plans for supporting faculty and students during the strike, which Chair Smart shared on screen during the meeting. DIVCO members briefly voiced their own suggestions, and Chair Smart encouraged members to make their own comments and suggested changes to the shared document.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chair Smart invited DIVCO members to make comments or suggestions on DIVCO's draft response to the report. While there were no suggested revisions shared during the meeting, Chair Smart stated that she would share the final version with DIVCO members before forwarding it to the working group.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Smart to finalize the DIVCO statement and circulate it to committee members before forwarding it to the members of the working group.

B. Discussion/action: Library Budget

Chair Smart provided a brief overview of the DIVCO draft statement on the library budget, explaining that a short narrative about the resolution was provided as well as support for the administration's suggestion to form a taskforce.

DIVCO members offered some suggestions on the draft statement, mostly pertaining to clarity and specificity of wording.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Smart to finalize the DIVCO statement and circulate it to committee members before forwarding it to the Chancellor and EVCP.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/action: Master of Biotechnology Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Program (SSGPDP)

Before the DIVCO discussion, some background information was provided on this proposal. This SSGPDP emphasizes hands-on training, and a significant amount of time was spent designing the curriculum, which starts with an intensive workshop. So far, about \$1.5 million has been received in private donations, and there is budget to hire additional people for the program – the issues of faculty time and space have also been considered. The program will start with a cohort of 12 students and increase to 60 over the course of five years.

DIVCO members raised the following concerns: use and cost of space/facilities over the summer, intellectual property, and faculty time.

Overall, DIVCO members were supportive of the proposal and felt that the proposers of the program responded well to issues brought up earlier by Graduate Council.

ACTION: DIVCO approved the proposal and authorized Chair Smart to draft a letter and forward it to the Vice Provost for Academic Planning.

B. Discussion/action: UC Berkeley's Participation in the Negotiated Salary Trial Program (NSTP)

Informed by committee comments and review, DIVCO members discussed the following issues:

- potential for the program to increase salary inequities on campus;
- insufficient assessment of the effects of the trial program;
- concerns about how the program will interact with the ordinary merit and review processes;

The discussion also considered whether campus would have better leverage on these and other aspects of the program's design if Berkeley joined sooner rather than later. However, campuses may be able to tailor the program to their needs. Another central question was whether and how the funds saved by adopting the program could be redirected to support programs in less well-funded departments.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized Chair Smart to draft a cover letter and forward committee comments to the Chair of Academic Council.

C. Discussion only: University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB) Hiring Report

Due to time constraints, this item will be continued to the January 23, 2023 DIVCO meeting.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None

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 - CANCELLED	12/5/22	12/12/22
Aguilera, Adrian	P	P	P	P	A	P		P	P
Ashmore, Robert	P	P	P		P	P		P	P
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Berrick, Jill Duerr	P	P	A	P	P	P		A	A
Boering, Kristie	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	A
Doremus, Holly	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Fernald, Lia	P	P	P	A	P	A		A	P
Fischer, Felix	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Gilless, J. Keith*	P	P	P	A	P	P		P	
Ginsborg, Hannah	P	P	A	P	P	A		P	P
Glaunsinger, Britt	P	A	P	P	P	P		P	P
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	A	P	P	P	P		P	P
Leonard, Thomas	P	P	P	P	P	P		A	P
Luo, Kunxin	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Olney, Martha	P	A	P	A	A	P		P	P
Philip, Thomas	P	P	P	P	P	A		P	P
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Sweetser, Eve	P	P	A	P	P	P		P	P
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	P	A	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 - CANCELLED	12/5/22	12/12/22
Morello-Frosch, Rachel			P						
Ogundele, Olufemi			P						
Hillier, Adam			P						

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting