

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, February 10, 2020 – 12:00-2:00 PM
310 Stephens Hall**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, February 10, 2020, in 310 Stephens Hall. Division Chair Oliver O'Reilly presided. The systemwide Academic Senate chair and vice chair were invited for Item V.A. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart. Graduate Council (GC) Vice Chair Leslea Hlusko served as non-voting alternate in GC Chair John Battles' absence.

I. MINUTES of the January 27, 2020 meeting
Enclosure 1

A member presented some revised text for consideration.

ACTION: The minutes were approved as revised.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees nominations
Enclosure 2

Systemwide Nominations for 2019-20

University Committee on Committees (UCOC)

Appointment of Professor Candace Yano (Business/IEOR) to serve on the University Committee on Committees (UCOC) for spring 2020.

Senate Nominations for 2019-20

Courses of Instruction (COCI)

Appointment of Professor Clark Nguyen (EECS) as a member on the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) for spring 2020.

Undergraduate Council

Appointment of Professor Alexandra Saum Pascual as a member on the Undergraduate Council (UGC) for spring 2020.

Student Nominations for 2019-20

Prizes (PRIZ)

Appointment of undergraduate student member Jayesh Kaushik to serve on PRIZ in 2019-20.

ACTION: The COMS nominations were approved.

B. DIVCO 2018-19 Annual Report
Enclosure 3

ACTION: The 2018-19 DIVCO annual report was approved as presented.

C. Faculty Relations Group charge
Enclosure 4

The charge reflected most of the revisions approved at the last DIVCO meeting, One sentence was left off and will be added.

ACTION: The charge was approved as revised.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair O'Reilly welcomed the guests, Academic Senate Chair Kum-Kum Bhavnani and Academic Senate Vice Chair Mary Gauvain, and council members introduced themselves.

Chair O'Reilly proceeded with updates on campus issues.

- Undergraduate student instructors: A ruling that requires compensation for undergraduate students who taught classes at Berkeley was passed.
- Coronavirus: The university is working with the Office of the President (UCOP), the city and the county, in planning for a potential coronavirus outbreak.
- Instructional resilience: Town hall meetings were held to gather input. Task force recommendations will be finalized this semester and a campus plan will be activated by fall 2020.
- UC Provost Michael Brown: Division Chair O'Reilly recently met with Provost Brown.
- Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) statements: The Senate leadership discussed the use of DEI statements in faculty searches with the Chancellor and the vice provost for the faculty. Some faculty are critical of a few searches.
- Standardized testing: A report from Academic Council's Standardized Testing Task Force will be considered at a future meeting. The Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE) will comment.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Undergraduate Council update

UGC Chair Levy continued the UGC update from the last meeting. The use of undergraduate student instructors continues to be permitted while the campus reviews options for appointment structure and fee remissions following the arbitrator's decision for the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences. Council members briefly discussed the need to broadly modernize teaching and improve the teaching environment, such as efficiently providing more student accommodation. The Task Force on Instructional Resilience is also considering similar issues. No action was taken on this item.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Systemwide Academic Senate update

Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Kum-Kum Bhavnani and Systemwide Academic Senate Vice Chair Mary Gauvain presented an overview of the current issues in the Academic Council.

- Unit 18 lecturers: The contract expired at the end of January 2020 and the union is currently in negotiations with UCOP.
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA): UCOP is preparing for the possibility that DACA could end, and considering strategies on how affected students will be able to complete their programs.
- Comprehensive access to healthcare: An Academic Council working group was unable to come to consensus on principles for potential affiliations with non-UC healthcare systems that restrict access; Senate

Chair Bhavnani provided background, as she had served on the working group. (See Item V.C.)

- Standardized testing: An Academic Council task force report has been sent out for review.
- Racialization of foreign influence: Academic Council is concerned about the targeting of racial groups because of foreign influences. Council issued a statement on this issue last year.
- Undergraduate admissions audit: The State will audit admissions policies and processes on three campuses: Los Angeles, Berkeley, and San Diego.
- Elsevier: Open access negotiations continue.
- Budget: A general obligation bond providing funding for UC will be on the March 2020 ballot.
- UC presidential search: A special committee has been appointed. It will be advised by a faculty advisory committee. Berkeley's faculty representative is Professor Barbara Spackman (Italian Studies & Comparative Literature).
- UC Merced chancellor's search: This is currently in progress.
- Undergraduate admissions: Changes to the Area D (Science A-G) requirements have been made, except for a proposal to increase the science requirement to three classes. After further research, the Senate decided to drop this portion of the proposal.
- Online undergraduate degrees: A systemwide task force has been formed on this issue. Last year, UC Irvine's proposal for an online degree for transfer students was not approved. Currently, Irvine is piloting an online degree program for transfer students.
- Faculty diversity: A task force has been created to consider how to broaden faculty diversity.

Senate Vice Chair Gauvain serves as an advisory member on the UC Regents' Academic and Student Affairs Committee. She provided an overview of topics under discussion, including graduate education and the California economy. Vice Chair Gauvain suggests that the Academic Senate be proactive about providing the Regents with comprehensive information about current academic issues. Scheduling more Regents' visits to campuses would strengthen their understanding of Senate perspective and priorities.

B. Proposed revisions to APM 240 (Deans)/246 (Faculty Administrators)

Enclosures 5a – 5c

No committee comments were received on this topic. The Committee on Research (COR) raised the question of service on foreign committees or conferences when the individual has fiduciary responsibilities with the relevant organizations.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair O'Reilly to forward comments to Academic Council.

C. Working Group on Comprehensive Access Chair's Report of Findings and Recommendations

Enclosures 6a – 6c

The working group was charged to identify issues and provide guidelines regarding affiliation with non-UC health systems whose policies restrict care and may violate UC's values. The working group did not come to consensus, so the chair's report and separate comments from dissenting members were received

for review. A refusal to affiliate would limit UC's ability to serve some areas in California. If UC chose to affiliate, UC medical employees could be constrained from providing UC-quality care and UC's brand could be compromised by association.

Division Chair O'Reilly took a straw poll on two options:

- 1) To affiliate with organizations that restrict healthcare, and establish principles for UC employees working in those environments.
- 2) To refuse to affiliate with organizations that limit access to healthcare.

A majority of members informally rejected such affiliations. One individual felt they lacked both the expertise and sufficient information to make an informed decision.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair O'Reilly to forward comments to Academic Council.

D. UC Washington Center review

Enclosures 7a – 7g and Handout A

Committees generally supported the program, which is also known as "UCDC". Comments included the following:

- It was difficult to compare the success of this program at the campus level, and there is no regular review cycle through UCOP. Local input would have been useful.
- Financial support for UCDC students should take into account airfare and clothing costs to avoid disadvantaging low-income students.
- GC commented that the program was no longer completely in alignment with its 1999 business plan.
- GC felt the current program missed many opportunities to benefit and utilize graduate students. GC would like to be consulted in how this could be improved. Costs should be borne by UCOP.
- COR supported the provision of graduate funding.
- It was noted that the law program was omitted from the review, although it is listed on the program's website.
- UGC recommended that the presidential fellowship be additive, rather than replacing loans.
- The financial loss due to empty beds should be addressed by improving recruitment to UCDC; filling the beds with non-programmatic students brings rental income, but not tuition. UGC opposes eliminating the campus quota system until UCDC is able to consistently fill the beds at its facility with tuition-paying UC students.
- There is a concern that decentralization of UCDC's administration could create financial issues for campuses. A member suggested the administration of field courses could provide a possible financial model.
- Fourteen-week internships would create timing problems for students from quarter-system campuses.

Council members commented that the report was too broad and much too lengthy, making it difficult for committees to discern the important details.

UGC Chair Levy informed council that UCDC's courses need careful consideration when undergoing credit approval on campus.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair O'Reilly to forward comments to Academic Council.

E. Proposed Master's of Development Engineering Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Program

Enclosure 8

Divisional Council was in support of the proposal. One committee stated it was well organized, addressed key concerns, and aligned well with Berkeley's values. The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) had concerns about the high cost of the program, and recommended a review of the marketing plan. The importance of maintaining awareness about the influences of private-donor funding on academics was reiterated.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair O'Reilly to forward comments to the vice provost for the faculty.

F. Systemwide Report of the Standardized Testing Task Force (STTF)

Division Chair O'Reilly urged members to review this report.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Forward:* Proposed Electronic Intelligent Systems Specialization

Forwarded to the Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations and the Undergraduate Council. DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2020.

B. Forward:* Systemwide Report of the Standardized Testing Task Force

Forwarded to the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Preparatory Education. DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2020.

C. Forward:* Systemwide BOARS' Recommendation to Eliminate the SAT-ACT Writing Requirement

Forwarded to the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Preparatory Education. DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2020.

D. Forward:* Berkeley Division Regulation A202

Forwarded to the committees on Courses of Instruction and Rules & Elections. DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Recorder: M. Kwock, Assistant to the Chair

Handout A: UGC comments on the UC Washington Center (UCDC)...]

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2020

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/27/20	2/10/20	2/24/20	3/9/20	3/16/20	3/30/20	4/13/20	4/27/20	5/11/20
Ahn, David	P	P							
Ashmore, Robert	P	P							
Battles, John	P	A							
Carson, Cathryn	P	P							
Colford, Jack	P	P							
Fine, Paul	P	P							
Gilless, J. Keith	P	P							
Hollinger, David	P	A							
Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer	P	P							
Levy, Jonah	P	P							
Levine, Ross	P	P							
Lye, Colleen	P	P							
Navarrete, Ignacio	P	P							
Ngai, John	A	P							
O'Reilly, Oliver	P	P							
Sanyal, Debarati	P	P							
Scheffler, Richard	A	Resigned							
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P							
Wagner, David	P	P							

INVITED GUESTS *	1/27/20	2/10/20	2/24/20	3/9/20	3/16/20	3/30/20	4/13/20	4/27/20	5/11/20
May, Robert	P								
Bhavnani, Kum-Kum		P							
Gauvain, Mary		P							
Hlusko, Leslea		P							
SENATE STAFF	1/27/20	2/10/20	2/24/20	3/9/20	3/16/20	3/30/20	4/13/20	4/27/20	5/11/20
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P	P							
Kwock, Marilyn	P	P							

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting