

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, February 27, 2023 – 12:10-2:00 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, February 27th 2023 in Stephens Hall, conference room 310. Division Chair Mary Ann Smart presided. Quorum was present, as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. A. MINUTES of the meeting of February 6, 2023
Enclosure 1

Revisions were suggested for the minutes.

ACTION: The minutes were approved with revisions.

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

B. Proposed revisions to BDR 550, 556, and 563 (College of Engineering)
Enclosure 3

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Division Chair Mary Ann Smart

Academic Senate *Pau Hana*: The next *Pau Hana* will take place on Thursday, March 23 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Academic Council: At the Academic Council meeting on February 22, the UC “Policy on Policies” was discussed, and much appreciation was shown for Berkeley’s comments.

Climate Change Task Force: There are now two co-chairs in place for the task force on climate change. This task force will be a temporary addition to the standing Senate committees and will convene for two meetings this spring and again in fall of 2023.

Future of Graduate Education: There are currently several task forces systemwide tackling the issue of the future of graduate education. In addition to Berkeley’s task force, there is one at the systemwide level, as well as the following campuses: UCLA, San Diego, Santa Cruz, and Davis. Chair Smart stated that she’d be in contact with the leadership of these task forces and may invite them to the spring meeting of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion only: Draft letter to Chancellor Christ and EVCP Hermalin

Chair Smart drafted a post-strike letter to the Chancellor and EVCP and shared it with DIVCO members for their comments and input. DIVCO members agreed that a letter needed to be sent, and discussion focused on the arrangement of points in the letter, as to address the most significant ideas first. Discussion also touched on ways to ensure strong senate participation in the administration's decision-making and the possibility of faculty organizing to advocate in Sacramento.

B. Discussion only: Post-Strike Research Landscape

Guest: Kathy Yelick, Vice Chancellor for Research

Vice Chancellor Yelick began by discussing the current research landscape at different levels, beginning with the unequal distribution of funds at the individual graduate student/PI level. At the department level, it would be beneficial to rethink how graduate programs manage students and make some necessary changes. Financial issues are bubbling up to division/college level, and the Vice Chancellors for Research systemwide have been meeting weekly since the beginning of the strike. Discussions in those meetings have not just been about tackling immediate issues, but also how best to prepare for the next contract negotiation. Federally, there are plans to have organized meetings with federal agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Financially, Graduate Student Researchers (GSRs) will receive a 25% funding increase by 2024. External funding is strong this year, with over \$1 billion received. Next year, however, campus will need to figure out additional funding as some state funding received this year will not be received next year.

Vice Chancellor Yelick also spoke about the Faculty Experience work group, in which there was a strong sentiment that the administration needed to offer greater support for faculty affected by the financial effects of the strike. She also discussed the \$5 million emergency fund that has been established to support PIs whose grant and departmental funding cannot cover the salary increases mandated by the new contract. A more detailed financial model has been produced by the office of the Vice Chancellor of Finance.

DIVCO discussion included potential opportunities for cost sharing among GSRs, possible examples of funding models from private institutions, and indirect cost recovery.

C. Discussion only: UCOP Updates

Guests: Susan Cochran, Academic Council Chair

James Steintrager, Academic Council Vice Chair

Academic Council Chair Cochran described the structure of the UCOP office, which is a much more corporate environment than that of the campuses. The Council Chair and Vice Chair have an indirect reporting line to the UC President and Provost, with whom they meet weekly. The Council Chair and Vice Chair also attend the meetings of systemwide Senate committee and attend Regents' meetings as faculty advisors.

DIVCO members voiced some concerns about campus issues, which included:

- Required enrollment expansion, but lack of physical space and resources to accommodate more students.
- The possibilities of collaboration with UC campuses despite the current UC structure.
- Messaging about funding messaging from the state; and campus budget strategy.
- Ways to push for institutional engagement from state government agencies in regard to the financial situation.
- How to communicate with administration about faculty labor and increasing workloads.

Council Vice Chair Steintrager mentioned that there is currently a systemwide joint administration-Senate taskforce looking at faculty workload balance that began after workloads shifted as a result of the pandemic.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Recorder: Haniya Ferrell, Administrative Assistant

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2023

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/12/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
Aguilera, Adrian	P	A	P					
Ashmore, Robert	P	P	P					
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P					
Berrick, Jill Duerr	P	P	P					
Boering, Kristie	A	P	P					
Doremus, Holly	P		P					
Fernald, Lia	P	P	P					
Fischer, Felix	P	P	P					
Gilless, J. Keith*	A	A	P					
Ginsborg, Hannah	P	P	A					
Glaunsinger, Britt	P	P	P					
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	P	P					
Leonard, Thomas	A	P	A					
Luo, Kunxin	P	P	A					
Olney, Martha	P	P	A					
Philip, Thomas	A	P	A					
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P	P					
Sweetser, Eve	P	P	P					
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	P					
Wallace, Nancy	P		P					
INVITED GUESTS *	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/12/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
García Bedolla, Lisa		P						
Cohn, Jenae		P						

Dark, Shawna		P					
Mojjadam, Erfan		P					
Yelick, Katherine			P				
Cochran, Susan			P				
Steintrager, James			P				

SENATE STAFF	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/12/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
Allen, Patrick								
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P	P	P					
Corley, Linda								
Dobin, Deborah								
Ferrell, Haniya	P	P	P					
Lynch, William								
MacIntyre, Courtney								
Marias Dezendorf, Rachel								
Mitchell, Lanayah								
Quiggle, Sumei								

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting