

APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, March 9, 2020 – 12:00-2:00 PM
310 Stephens Hall

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, March 9, 2020, in 310 Stephens Hall. Division Chair Oliver O'Reilly was present only at the beginning of the meeting, due to a conflict with a meeting on the COVID-19 public health crisis. Division Vice Chair Jennifer Johnson-Hanks presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The director and deputy director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions attended for Item V.A. Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) member, Associate Professor Celeste Langan (English), represented CAPRA Chair Paul Fine. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. MINUTES of the February 24, 2020 meeting

Enclosure 1

This item was not addressed and would be considered at the next DIVCO meeting.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Faculty Research Lecture nominations

Enclosure 2

The Committee on Faculty Research Lecture nominated two exceptional faculty members for the honor of presenting the 2021 Faculty Research Lectures: Professor K. Birgitta Whaley (Chemistry) and Professor Franklin Zimring (Law, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program).

ACTION: The FRL nominations were approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair O'Reilly provided updates on the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Campus is not closed and there is no official directive from the city to do so at this time. There are no confirmed cases on campus. However, the Chancellor will direct all instructors to move to online instruction as of March 10 to reduce social contact. Division Chair O'Reilly highlighted the extra support students would need in this stressful time and thanked the faculty for their efforts and consideration. It was recommended that Senate committees move to videoconferencing.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Admissions update

Olufemi Ogundele, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, and Abby Jones, Deputy Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, met with DIVCO to present an update on undergraduate admissions progress and process.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Ogundele reported that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has nearly completed the freshman selection process and is beginning to move into the transfer admissions process. He described changes in the admissions process that had been made to better align with institutional goals and priorities. The SAT is a flawed tool, but still can provide useful information about

the student in comprehensive review, and in the local context. Outreach is an important part of the admissions process; more attention will be given to local high schools. He stated that Berkeley's admissions process was part of an internal UC audit this past year. The coronavirus is affecting campus operations in many ways; some events are yet to be determined, such as CalDay, which is a primary yield event.

Council members expressed concern about diversification, affordability, and financial aid. No action was taken on this item.

B. Discussion of GSI Work and Compensation Issues

Handout A

Graduate Council (GC) Chair John Battles presented an update on the graduate student instructors' (GSI) wildcat strike at UC Santa Cruz. There is potential for a strike at Berkeley and GC recommended that the Division release a statement on the issue supporting graduate students. GC's draft FAQ for faculty was presented as a handout.

Divisional Council concurred with the recommendation to release a general Senate statement supporting graduate students. Members felt that they lacked sufficient information about the faculty responsibility toward students and possible faculty retaliation toward the students so a general statement was supported. Improving communication with graduate students was also suggested.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized GC Chair Battles to revise the FAQ, and authorized Division Chair O'Reilly to post the revised FAQ for faculty on the Division's website.

C. Moffett Field/NASA Ames Faculty Steering Committee Report

Enclosures 3a – 3c

Council members recognized that the proposal for a Berkeley campus at Moffett Field in the South Bay presented exciting opportunities for research. The College of Engineering and the Division of Data Science should be involved in discussions, if the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences become involved. A Berkeley presence at Moffett Field would increase collaboration with other federal scientific agencies. Members discussed the potential for research collaborations outside of engineering.

CAPRA raised serious concerns about the financial cost of developing a new campus in the current climate and logistical issues. CAPRA also noted serious hazardous waste issues at the existing site, and other issues, that would need to be resolved.

Council members concurred with CAPRA's concerns, and strongly recommended that more thought and research be conducted before committing to the project. Some points raised in discussion included the following:

- There needs to be a determination that Berkeley should develop a program in aerospace. One member stated that if so, then the campus should aspire to the task force's conclusion that Berkeley become the nation's leading research institution in aeronautics and space science.
- More detail and clarity on the financial plan was needed. For example, the anticipated fulltime equivalent (FTE) was not explained, and the Senate should be involved in such issues.

- It was unclear whether the task force had included all the relevant parties who should be present in the decision-making process.

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

D. CAPRA recommendations on financial reform

Enclosure 4 and Handout B

CAPRA member Celeste Langan represented CAPRA Chair Fine.

CAPRA's letter on financial reform (Enclosure 4) had been revised by a subgroup of Divisional Council as a statement from Divisional Council (Handout B). CAPRA made available supporting data not included in the agenda packet.

Council members discussed CAPRA's points and supported the idea of preparing a statement from Divisional Council. Highlights of the discussion including the following points:

- Council feels the current version of the financial model is not adequate.
- The use of student credit hours as the sole metric does not accurately capture all instructional effort. It is recommended that more, or better, metrics be used.
- It was suggested that metrics be used to establish floors instead.

The DIVCO draft statement would be revised and returned to DIVCO for approval. No further action was taken at this time.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.
Recorder: M. Kwock, Assistant to the Chair

Handout A: [Draft statement from Graduate Council, Information for Faculty Regarding the Possible GSI (graduate student instructor) Wildcat Strike, March 6, 2020.]

Handout B: [Proposed amendments to CAPRA statement on finance reform, March 9, 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	P	A					
Ashmore, Robert	P	P	P	P					
Battles, John	P	A	P	P					
Boering, Kristie			P	P					
Carson, Cathryn	P	P	P	P					
Colford, Jack	P	P	P	P					
Fine, Paul	P	P	P	A					
Gilles, J. Keith	P	P	P	P					
Hollinger, David	P	A	P	P					
Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer	P	P	P	P					
Levy, Jonah	P	P	P	P					
Levine, Ross	P	P	P	A					
Lye, Colleen	P	P	P	P					
Navarrete, Ignacio	P	P	P	P					
Ngai, John	A	P	A	P					
O'Reilly, Oliver	P	P	P	P					
Sanyal, Debarati	P	P	P	P					
Scheffler, Richard	A	Resigned							
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P	P	P					
Wagner, David	P	P	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							
Boering, Kristie			P (confirmed as a DIVCO member)						
Jones, Abby				P					
Langan, Celeste				P					
Ogundele, Olufemi				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	P	P					
Kwock, Marilyn	P	P	P	P					

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting