

**APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, March 13, 2023 – 12:10-2:00 PM
Stephens Hall, Conference Room 310**

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, March 13th, 2023 in Stephens Hall, conference room 310. Division Chair Mary Ann Smart presided. Quorum was present, as shown on the attached attendance chart. The agenda was reordered to accommodate the guest for agenda item V.B.

I. A. MINUTES of the meeting of February 27, 2023

Enclosure 1

ACTION: The Minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Committee on Committees (COMS) nominations

B. Distinguished Teaching Award Nominations

ACTION: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division Chair Mary Ann Smart

Town halls/faculty lunches: Chair Smart will be hosting town hall meetings over the next couple of weeks, which are loosely organized around disciplines. The idea comes from the UC San Diego Division Chair, Nancy Postero, who did this and found it useful. Also, Chair Smart and Vice Chair Auffhammer will be inviting faculty members to informal lunches after spring break.

Division Vice Chair 2023-24: Amani Allen will begin her role as Vice Chair of the Senate on August 22, 2023.

Committee updates: With the remainder of the DIVCO meetings, Chair Smart shared that she would like committee chairs to share short updates on items their committees have worked on during the year or would like to work on.

Letter to administration: The Senate's letter to administration has just been revised again. Chair Smart urged DIVCO members to review the latest draft, as the letter will be sent sometime in the next couple of days.

Spring Division Meeting: The Spring Meeting of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate will take place on Thursday, May 4 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will feature two panels on the future of graduate education, with speakers from Berkeley and other UC campuses.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/action: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Conforming Amendments to Senate Regulations on Admission

Concerns raised by DIVCO members included the lack of information on the Regents' previously-announced plan to develop a new standardized test. While DIVCO members recognize the class-based bias inherent in standardized tests, there is a general sense in the group that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions needs more information and more measures of achievement in order to meaningfully differentiate among applicants. Possible sources of this additional information might include adding one required Personal Insight Question or adding a requirement for letters of recommendation.

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

B. Discussion only: Updates on the Division of Equity and Inclusion

Guest: Dania Matos, Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion

After a round of introductions, Vice Chancellor Matos began sharing her priorities, which included building out initiatives for the Division of Equity and Inclusion. Current initiatives are the African American Initiative, the Latinx Thriving Initiative, and the Native American Initiative. They are beginning to plan out what an Asian American and Pacific Islander Initiative will look like. Threads that bring all of the initiatives together are Disability Justice and an anti-racist framework. Vice Chancellor Matos shared that they are hiring a faculty director for the Latinx Thriving Institute initiative and eventually intend to add faculty directors for each of the initiatives. In terms of fundraising, there is a very robust plan across all initiatives. The conversation concluded with some discussion of the best ways faculty and the Academic Senate could support the projects of the VCEI and how the VCEI could best leverage the abilities and activities of the faculty.

C. Discussion/action: DECC Involvement in Academic Program Review Process

The Chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Campus Climate (DECC) introduced a proposal for increasing the involvement of DECC in program reviews. The proposal would allow DECC to advise and consult with departments beginning two years prior to a schedule external review, continuing for up to five years afterwards. A full-time staff member would be needed to assist with the increased involvement.

The brief discussion focused on the question of whether other Senate committees should also have increased input into APRs and whether every unit needs to do a climate survey prior to an APR. Members also expressed concern about increased workload for DECC members.

Due to time constraints, this topic will be continued to the March 20th, 2023 DIVCO meeting.

D. Discussion/action: AEPE Concerns on Increasing Enrollments

The Chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE) shared the committee's concerns about the recommendation from the UC Office of the President (UCOP) to increase enrollment across all UC campuses. This plan will be easier to implement on some campuses more than others, but especially difficult for Berkeley, as campus resources are already stretched thin, and there are currently no plans to address this.

There is a need for plans to reduce student footprint on campus, such as internships and study abroad opportunities. AEPE would like this issue elevated to central campus, if possible.

ACTION: DIVCO authorized AEPE to forward a letter to the Executive Coordination Board.

E. Forward*: Review of the Department of Nuclear Engineering

**Materials available on the DIVCO Box site.*

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Assembly Approval of Revisions to Senate Regulations 610 and 630

B. Academic Senate Review of Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Developing & Maintaining Presidential Policies

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Recorder: Haniya Ferrell, Administrative Assistant

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2023

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/13/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
Aguilera, Adrian	P	A	P	P				
Ashmore, Robert	P	P	P	P				
Auffhammer, Maximilian	P	P	P	P				
Berrick, Jill Duerr	P	P	P	P				
Boering, Kristie	A	P	P	P				
Doremus, Holly	P		P	P				
Fernald, Lia	P	P	P	A				
Fischer, Felix	P	P	P	P				
Gilless, J. Keith*	A	A	P	P				
Ginsborg, Hannah	P	P	A	P				
Glaunsinger, Britt	P	P	P	P				
Hoofnagle, Chris	P	P	P	P				
Leonard, Thomas	A	P	A	P				
Luo, Kunxin	P	P	A	A				
Olney, Martha	P	P	A	P				
Philip, Thomas	A	P	A	P				
Smart, Mary Ann	P	P	P	P				
Sweetser, Eve	P	P	P	P				
Wymore, Lisa	P	P	P	P				
Wallace, Nancy	P		P					
INVITED GUESTS *	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/13/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
García Bedolla, Lisa		P						
Cohn, Jenae		P						

Dark, Shawna		P						
Mojadam, Erfan		P						
Yelick, Katherine			P					
Cochran, Susan			P					
Steintrager, James			P					
Matos, Dania				P				

SENATE STAFF	1/23/23	2/6/23	2/27/23	3/13/23	3/20/23	4/3/23	4/17/23	5/8/23
Allen, Patrick								
Banaria, Jocelyn Surla	P	P	P	P				
Corley, Linda								
Dobin, Deborah								
Ferrell, Haniya	P	P	P	P				
Lynch, William								
MacIntyre, Courtney								
Marias Dezendorf, Rachel								
Mitchell, Lanayah								
Quiggle, Sumei								

P=Present A=Absent * Non-voting