APPROVED MINUTES
BERKELEY DIVISIONAL COUNCIL
Monday, April 1, 2019 – 12:00 – 2:00 PM
Academic Senate Conference Room, 310 Stephens Hall

Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, April 1, 2019, in the Academic Senate Conference Room in 310 Stephens Hall. Division Chair Barbara Spackman presided. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart. Vice Provost for the Faculty Benjamin Hermalin was the guest for Items VI.A and V.B.

Permission to reorder the agenda was requested and approved; Item VI.D. would be taken up after the announcements.

I.   MINUTES of the Meeting of March 18, 2019
Enclosure 1

   ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II.   CONSENT CALENDAR
   A.   Divisional Council, 2017-18 annual report
   Enclosure 2

   ACTION: The DIVCO annual report for 2017-18 was approved.

   B.   2020 Faculty Research Lecture nominations
   Enclosure 3
   The Committee on Faculty Research Lecture nominated two eminent Berkeley faculty members to give the Martin M. Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lectures in 2020. Professor David Card (Economics) and Professor Steven E. Lindow (Plant and Microbial Biology) were selected for the quality of their scholarship and their innovative research contributions.

   ACTION: The nominations for the 2020 Faculty Research Lecture were approved.

IV.   ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Council members were reminded of the upcoming spring Division meeting and encouraged to attend. It will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, from 3:00-5:00 PM in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center.

V.   UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   None

VI.   NEW BUSINESS
   A.   Campus faculty FTE allocation process (FTE floors)
   Enclosure 4
   Vice Provost for the Faculty Benjamin Hermalin presented a draft process for determining state-funded, full-time equivalent (FTE) floors for campus units, to replace the outdated system of omega numbers. The FTE floor will be based on weighted factors for each unit, such as its history, and workload measures which have not yet been determined.

In discussion, Council members pointed out that the best workload measures for units may differ among disciplines. Also administrative workload has become quite burdensome, particularly for small departments, and should be one of the weighted measures.

Vice Provost Hermalin will continue to improve the process and seek input. He believes that once FTE floors are set, they should remain in place for a certain number of years, and could then be adjusted if necessary.

No further action was taken on this item.

B.   **Faculty Housing Strategy Working Group — Final Report**
     Enclosures 5a – 5b
     Vice Provost Hermalin also heard the Committee on Faculty Welfare's (FWEL) comments on the Faculty Housing Strategy Working Group report. FWEL emphasized affordability for lower-income faculty and recommended a weighted lottery system for allocating university housing, and that participation in the lottery be means-tested. FWEL also discussed other factors that could be considered in assessing faculty income status, such as childcare expenses and student loan debt.

     No further action was taken on this report.

C.   **Upper Hearst/Goldman School of Public Policy project**
     Enclosures 6a – 6b
     Objections from the College of Engineering (COE) Ad-Hoc Committee for Review of the GSPP Development Project to the current plans for Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) expansion at upper Hearst Ave. and Gayley Road were summarized. Increased construction costs have raised the housing rates above the originally proposed below-market rates that would have benefited graduate students. The current proposal includes housing at mid-market rates. Much of the parking currently available to nearby campus units would also be eliminated with no identified alternatives. It was also noted that in order to maintain its preeminent national standing, GSPP might need space to grow.

     Senior administrators with oversight on the project will be invited to DIVCO on May 13 to discuss these concerns.

     Council was very critical about the lack of transparency in the progress of this project; for instance, financial information has not yet been made available for review other than a one-page summary. DIVCO expressed concern that the Senate is often brought in too late to have meaningful input on major capital projects. The upcoming long-term strategic planning effort will be an opportunity for the Senate to make changes in the planning review process to reflect shared governance. The campus should articulate principles for evaluating projects to accomplish our strategic goals while protecting the common good.

     Discussion on this topic will continue.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair to convey Council's concerns to the administration, and to request financial information regarding the project.

D. **Memorial to the Regents concerning fossil fuel divestment**
Enclosure 7a – 7b
The memorial was initiated by the UC San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate and circulated to the other divisions; approval from at least three divisions (representing 35% of Senate membership) is needed to send the memorial to a systemwide vote. Divisional Council considered the memorial on the basis of its authority to act on behalf of the Division.

In discussion, questions were first raised about merits of the issue itself, which could not be answered with the information on hand. Ultimately it was felt that continued dependence on fossil fuels has consequences of such great import to our future that Berkeley should speak out in the public interest. More information would be available prior to a systemwide vote.

MOTION: It was moved (and seconded) to approve the memorial for a systemwide vote.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Divisional Council authorized Division Chair Spackman to forward the result of its vote to the Academic Council chair and the chairs of the other divisions.

E. **Undergraduate Council's recommendation to increase the phase 2 enrollment limit**
Enclosures 8a – 8b
An Undergraduate Council (UGC) member had raised this concern for consideration at their meeting. UGC believes that allowing an additional unit would greatly assist students prevented from taking language courses because of the Phase 2 enrollment limit. The Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI), in consultation with the University Registrar, recommended no change for now, citing potential unintended consequences, and noted that better use of real-time tools in planning might address the issue. However, COCI was willing to consult further with the registrar to find out how best to serve the students.

ACTION: Division Chair Spackman charged the COCI chair to inquire with the registrar about the possibility of granting an exception for an extra unit in Phase 2 only to those students seeking to take language courses, and to do broader fact-finding with language departments about their experiences.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
Recorder: M. Kwock, Assistant to the Chair

DIVCO – ATTENDANCE, SPRING 2019

DIVCO MEMBERS	1/28/19 Cancelled	2/11/19	2/25/19	3/18/19	4/1/19	4/15/19	4/29/19	5/13/19
Ahn, David		P	P	P	A			
Ashmore, Robert		P	P	P	P			
Battles, John		P	P	P	P			
Carson, Cathryn		P	P	A	P			
Colford, John		P	P	P	P			
Frede-Montemayor, Victoria		P	P	P	P			
Hendershott, Terrence		P	P	P	P			
Johnson-Hanks, Jennifer		P	P	P	P			
Levy, Jonah		P	P	P	P			
Milnes, David *		P	P	P	P			
Navarrete, Ignacio		P	A	P	P			
O'Reilly, Oliver		P	P	P	P			
Ray, Raka		P	P	P	P			
Sanyal, Debarati		P	P	A	P			
Scheffler, Richard		P	A	P	P			
Spackman, Barbara		P	P	P	P			
Steen, Shannon		A	P	P	P			
Taylor, Ula		P	P	A	P			
Wallace, R. Jay		P	P	P	P			
INVITED GUESTS *	1/28/19 Cancelled	2/11/19	2/25/19	3/18/19	4/1/19	4/15/19	4/29/19	5/13/19
Ogundele, Olufemi		P						
Constable, Marianne			P					
Hermalin, Benjamin					P			

SENATE STAFF	1/28/19 Cancelled	2/11/19	2/25/19	3/18/19	4/1/19	4/15/19	4/29/19	5/13/19
Green Rush, Andrea		P	P	P	P			
Kwock, Marilyn		P	P	P	P			

P=Present   A=Absent   * Non-voting