Divisional Council (DIVCO) met on Monday, August 27, 2018, in the Academic Senate Conference Room in 310 Stephens Hall.

Division Chair Barbara Spackman presided, welcoming members to the first meeting of the year. DIVCO members and Senate staff introduced themselves. A quorum was present as shown on the attached attendance chart.

I. MINUTES of the Meeting of May 7, 2018

Enclosure 1
Approved DIVCO minutes will now be posted on the Senate webpage, starting in 2018-19, to improve access to and visibility of Senate actions.

ACTION: The minutes were approved as presented.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enclosures 2a – 2e
Academic Senate 2018-19 committee membership: https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/committees
For more information about shared governance at UC, see: http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/about-senate

Division Chair Spackman reviewed the Senate orientation materials and Senate process, then made several announcements:

o The Division meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2018, and Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

o A new biweekly Senate report on DIVCO’s activities, entitled The Fortnightly, will be compiled by Division Vice Chair Oliver O’Reilly and published on the Senate website. The Senate will also have a new Twitter account.

o DIVCO guests: Chancellor Carol Christ has been invited to a future meeting to present her 2018-19 priorities. The new director of athletics, Jim Knowlton, will also be invited to meet DIVCO.

o Clark Kerr Award: A fall dinner ceremony is planned for the honorees, UC President Emeritus Richard Atkinson and Provost Emeritus C. Judson King.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conflict of interest policy for Divisional Council

Enclosure 3

ACTION: The conflict of interest policy for DIVCO 2018-19 was approved.
B. Divisional priorities for 2018-19
Division Chair Spackman named several of her priorities for the year:

• DIVCO review of the Berkeley Strategic Plan by October 15: Relevant Senate committees were asked to review the strategic plan reports with respect to their purviews, to comment on their priorities, and to provide feedback on implementation. Because some members of CAPRA were already involved in the Financial Strategies Working Group, two elected members were asked to review that group’s report.

• Senate input in the development of micro-degrees; a task force will be formed to consider this degree format.

• Senate involvement in faculty growth and the role of comprehensive academic excellence.

• Retiree health benefits.

• Administrative staffing levels: The Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA) will continue to follow this issue.

• Graduate student support.

Other issues of concern, including some raised during the Senate orientation last week, included:

• Resource considerations for Disabled Students’ Program accommodations.

• Self-supporting graduate professional degree programs.

• Faculty housing.

• Staffing for courses: decreasing graduate student instructors, increasing section sizes, and the use of undergraduate teaching assistants.

• Admissions: transfer guarantee for community college students, compound bachelor’s/master’s degrees, and the use of standardized testing.

• Contingency budget planning.

• Student housing.

• Student mental health.

• Emeriti welfare.

• Proposed changes in degree requirements.

• Strengthening diversity efforts in planning and new degree proposals.

**ACTION:** The Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate was charged to draft a diversity statement for such purposes.

• Regionalization of research administration.

• Senate representation in the search for a new graduate dean.

• Follow up to the report of the Commission on Free Speech.

C. Forward*: Proposal for a Self-Supporting Master of Social Welfare (Flex-MSW) degree program
*Forwarded to the Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations (BIR)*
*DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled September 10, 2018*
D. **Forward*: “Simple” Name Change for One-year Master of Architecture Degree and Program  
   Forwarded to BIR  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled September 10, 2018

E. **Forward*: Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Food Systems  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled September 10, 2018

F. **Forward*: Berkeley strategic plan  
   Forwarded to the committees on Admission, Enrollment and Preparatory Education (AEPE); Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA); BIR; Diversity, Equity and Campus Climate (DECC); Graduate Council (GC); and Undergraduate Council (UGC)  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled October 8, 2018

G. **Forward*: Review of the Department of City and Regional Planning  
   Forwarded to CAPRA, BIR, DECC, GC, and UGC  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled October 8, 2018

H. **Forward*: Review of the Department of Astronomy  
   Forwarded to CAPRA, BIR, DECC, GC, and UGC  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled October 22, 2018

I. **Forward*: Review of the Department of Near Eastern Studies  
   Forwarded to CAPRA, BIR, DECC, GC, and UGC  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled November 5, 2018

J. **Forward*: Committee on Faculty Welfare letter on data privacy concerns  
   DIVCO discussion tentatively scheduled September 10, 2018

VI. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Interim Report of the Retiree Health Working Group**  
   Enclosure 4

B. **Panel of Counselors End-of-Year Report for 2017-2018**  
   Enclosure 5

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.  
Recorder: M. Kwock, Assistant to the Chair
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