

## Divisional Council, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate Annual Report 2017-2018

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### List of Activities

The following summarizes Divisional Council and Divisional activities and actions for 2017-2018, including the date(s) of the action. Please refer to the Divisional Council approved minutes and communications for details.

### Academic Programs

- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Geography to the vice provost for academic and space planning. (10/2/17)
- Forwarded approval of a proposal to discontinue the undergraduate Spanish and Portuguese specializations and to establish concentrations to the vice provost for the faculty. (10/16/17)
- Forwarded approval of a proposal to discontinue the undergraduate degree program in religious studies to the vice provost for the faculty. (10/30/17)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering to the vice provost for academic and space planning. (2/26/18)
- Endorsed a proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts program in Data Science and forwarded comments to the vice provost for the faculty. (3/19/18)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics to the vice provost for academic and space planning. (4/2/18)
- Forwarded comments on a proposed self-supporting graduate professional program for the Master of Bioprocess Engineering degree to the vice provost for the faculty. (4/16/18)
- Forwarded comments on the academic program review of the Department of Art Practice to the vice provost for academic and space planning. (4/16/18)

### Policies

- Endorsed proposed campus procedures, as amended, for Senate faculty investigation and adjudication of cases involving sexual violence/sexual harassment (SV/SH), and forwarded comments to the special faculty advisor to the Chancellor on SV/SH and the vice provost for the faculty. (8/28/17)
- Forwarded comments on an interim policy for major events hosted by non-departmental users to the vice chancellor for student affairs. (9/25/17)
- Endorsed the final report of the Joint Administration-Academic Senate Task Force on Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs, and forwarded comments to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (12/11/17)
- Forwarded comments on proposed revisions to the APM provisions concerning Lecturers with Security of Employment - second review. (2/26/18)
- Declined to endorse a proposed presidential policy on open access for theses and dissertations; forwarded comments to Academic Council. (3/12/18)
- Approved and forwarded the Undergraduate Council's report on Berkeley's capped and restricted majors to: the vice provost for academic and space planning, the vice chancellor for undergraduate education, and the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Preparatory Education. (3/12/18)
- Approved revisions to the American Cultures course review guidelines. (3/19/18)
- Forwarded comments on instructor drops policies and practices to the Council of Undergraduate Deans. (4/30/18)
- Forwarded a letter from the chair of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure regarding campus processes and standards of proof used in disciplinary cases involving sexual violence/sexual harassment to Academic Council. (4/30/18)

### **Legislation**

- Forwarded comments on proposed amendments to the Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area D requirement, laboratory science) to Academic Council. (10/30/17)
- Forwarded comments to Academic Council on proposed amendments to Senate Bylaw 128 regarding conflicts of interest on Senate committees and task forces. (2/26/18)

### **Failed Legislation**

*The item placed on the Spring Division meeting consent calendar was not enacted.*

- Approved proposed amendments to Berkeley Regulations governing the College of Letters and Science (L&S) for the Special Orders-Consent Calendar of the spring Division meeting, and forwarded comments to the L&S Executive Committee (10/16/17, 2/12/18, 2/26/18)

### **Faculty/University Welfare**

- Charged Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council to solicit ideas from their student members for promoting campus discussion on free speech issues. (9/25/17)
- Forwarded comments on the report of the Negotiated Salary Trial Program Taskforce to Academic Council. (10/16/17)
- Declined to release a Senate statement on anti-Semitism. (12/11/17)
- Endorsed and forwarded an Undergraduate Council report on the status of Unit-18 non-Senate faculty (lecturers) at Berkeley, and comments, to the vice provost for the faculty and the Committee on Teaching. (3/19/18)
- Forwarded a letter to Academic Council from the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association regarding proposed changes to retiree health benefits. (4/30/18)

### **Budget and Planning**

- Forwarded comments on the reports of the Incentives Working Group to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (9/25/17)
- Forwarded comments on the report of the Working Group on Public and Common Goods Funding to the executive vice chancellor and provost. (10/2/17)
- Forwarded a letter from the Committee on Faculty Welfare regarding parking losses and comments from DIVCO to the vice chancellor for administration. (4/2/18)
- Charged CAPRA to assist the administration in a review of administrative units. (5/7/18)
- Forwarded the CAPRA budget and policy recommendations for 2018-19 to the Chancellor and executive vice chancellor and provost. (5/7/18)

### **Awards and Honors**

- Approved two recipients of the 2018 Berkeley Faculty Service Award. (12/11/17)
- Approved a recipient of the 2017-18 Leon A. Henkin Citation for Distinguished Service. (12/11/17)
- Approved four recipients of the 2018 Distinguished Teaching Award. (3/12/18)
- Approved two Martin Meyerson Berkeley Faculty Research Lecturers for 2019. (4/30/18)
- Approved two recipients of the 2018 Clark Kerr Award. (5/7/18)

### **Senate Management**

- Held a Senate leadership orientation. (8/23/17)
- Approved a conflict of interest policy for DIVCO. (8/28/17)
- Approved the 2016-17 annual report for the Division. (8/28/17)
- Confirmed appointments to standing committees of the Academic Senate. (9/25/17, 10/2/17, 10/30/17, 12/11/17, 1/29/18, 2/12/18, 2/26/18, 3/12/18, 4/2/18, 4/16/18, 5/7/18)
- Reauthorized the Senate Athletics Council (SAC) for 2017-18 and 2018-19. (10/16/17)
- Held two regular Division meetings. (11/2/17, 5/2/18)
- Held a dinner recognizing the 2017 Clark Kerr Award recipient. (12/5/17)
- Approved authorization for the Division chair to act on behalf of Divisional Council during winter break until Council reconvened in spring 2018. Approved a similar authorization for the Division vice chair to act on behalf of the Division chair in her absence. (12/11/17)

- Conducted a divisional election. (3/23/18)
- Reauthorized the Academic Senate Advisory Committee on SIS (Student Information System), ASAC, for five years (2018-19 through 2022-23), and endorsed the amendment of ASAC's composition. (4/30/18)
- Approved authorization for the Division chair to act on behalf of Divisional Council during summer break and until Council reconvened in fall 2018. Approved a similar authorization for the Division vice chair to act on behalf of the Division chair in her absence. (5/7/18)
- Held a Senate service recognition reception, including presentation of the 2018 Berkeley Faculty Service Award and the 2017-18 Henkin Citation. (5/9/18)

**Special Events**

- Held a faculty forum on perspectives on freedom of expression on campus. (12/4/17)
- Held a Senate forum on the campus strategic academic planning process. (3/8/18)