

Divisional Council, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate Annual Report 2023-2024

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List of Activities

The following summarizes Divisional Council and Divisional activities and actions for 2023-2024, including the date(s) of the action. Please refer to the Divisional Council approved minutes and communications for details.

Academic Programs

- Approved the proposal for a concurrent degree program between the Haas School of Business and the Rausser College of Natural Resources, the Master of Climate Solutions (MCS) (10/04/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments with regards to the review of the Department of Architecture (10/24/2023).
- Approved the proposal for a new department and undergraduate major in Neuroscience (11/08/2023).
- Responded to the proposal for the creation of a Course Code, with the Student Learning Center (SLC) (11/09/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the review of the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science (11/30/2023).
- Approved to add a Master of Arts degree *en route* to the existing Ph.D. in Logic and Methodology of Science (12/15/2023).
- Approved the proposal to transfer undergraduate programs (i.e., Computer Science, Statistics, & Data Science) into the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS) (12/15/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments with regards to the review of the Department of Economics (01/17/2024).
- Discussed the University of California Academic Planning Council (APC) Workgroup's *Interim Report with Appendices: Future of Doctoral Programs at the University of California* (02/12/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments with regards to the review of the Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning (LAEP) (03/05/2024).
- Approved the proposal to consolidate the Nutritional Science and Toxicology (NST) Undergraduate Specializations (03/07/2024).
- Approved the proposal to add a Master of Science degree *en route* to the existing Ph.D. in Computational Biology (04/03/2024).
- Endorsed the Graduate Council's three-year review of the Master of Design (MDes) self-supporting graduate professional degree program (SSGPDP) (04/18/2024).
- Approved the proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Operations Research and Management Sciences (ORMS) to Analytics (04/18/2024).
- Approved the proposal from the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALC) requesting to consolidate its Ph.D. programs (04/18/2024).
- Approved the proposal for a new dual degree program with the National University of Singapore (04/18/2024).
- Endorsed the Graduate Council's three-year review of the Master of Molecular Science and Software Engineering (MSSE) self-supporting graduate professional degree program (SSGPDP) (04/29/2024).
- Endorsed the proposal from the Undergraduate Council (UGC) adding guidance to the Academic Program Review (APR) process (i.e., requesting feedback from undergraduate students) (05/15/2024).
- Approved the proposal to transfer the governance of the Master of Development Practice (MDP) from RCNR to the Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) and the disestablishment of the current Graduate Group (06/03/2024).

- Approved the proposal to discontinue the Ph.D. in Molecular Toxicology and disestablish the Graduate Group in Molecular Toxicology (06/03/2024).
- Endorsed the Graduate Council's three-year review of the Master of Bioprocess Engineering (MBPE) self-supporting graduate professional degree program (SSGPDP) (06/03/2024).
- Approved the proposal to discontinue the Designated Emphasis in Energy Science and Technology (DEEST) and disestablish the Graduate Group in Energy Science and Technology (06/04/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments and recommendations with regards to the proposal for a new department of Political Economy (07/12/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the review of the School of Social Welfare (07/15/2024).

Policies

- Approved *Guidelines Concerning Scheduling Conflicts with Academic Requirements* (10/16/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of proposed revisions to the *Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Health Care Organizations* (10/18/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of proposed revisions to the *Presidential Policy on Vaccination Programs* (12/06/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of proposed revisions to the *Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-46; Use of University Vehicles* (02/20/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of proposed *UC Regents Policy on Use of University Administrative Websites* (03/08/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review to the *Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-50: Controlled Substances Use in Research and Teaching* (03/18/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Associated Students of University of California (ASUC) Student Advocate's Office *Grief Absence Policy for Students (GAPS)* (04/23/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the *Key Disabled Students' Program Information, Procedures & Protocols for Implementation of UCOP PACAOS 140, 143 et seq (Provision of Academic Adjustments)* (06/03/2024).

Legislation

- Approved proposed revisions to *Berkeley Division Bylaw 16* (Committee on Budget and Interdepartmental Relations) (09/11/2023).
- Approved proposed revisions to *Berkeley Division Bylaw 163* (Parliamentary Authority) (09/11/2023).
- Approved proposed rescission of *Berkeley Division Bylaw 23* (Ombudspersons) (09/18/2023).
- Approved proposed revisions to *Berkeley Division Bylaw 21* (Committee on Faculty Welfare) (10/16/2023).
- Approved the enactment *Berkeley Division Regulations 450, 451, 452, 453, and 454*, Regulations for the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society (CDSS) (10/16/2023).
- Approved the enactment/renumbering of *Berkeley Division Regulations 500, 501, and 502*, Regulations for the Bachelor of Science (BS) in the Berkeley School of Education (10/16/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of proposed revisions to *Academic Senate Bylaw 55* (Departmental Voting Rights) (12/07/2023).
- Approved proposed revision to *Berkeley Division Bylaw 36* (Faculty Athletics Council) (01/22/2024).
- Approved proposed amendments to *Berkeley Division Bylaw 73* (College of Computing, Data Science, and Society) (04/01/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the proposed *UC Regents Policy on Public and Discretionary Statements by Academic Units* (04/22/2024).

- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review on proposed *Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area H)* introducing an A-G Ethnic Studies requirement for freshman admission to the University (05/14/2024).

Faculty/University Welfare

- Endorsed Committee on Faculty Welfare's (FWEL) support for the letter of the Executive Committee of the UC Berkeley Emeriti Association (UCBEA) (11/09/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review on proposed *Academic Personnel Manual (APM), Section 672 (Negotiated Salary Program)* (12/06/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of the proposed revisions to *Academic Personnel Manual (APM) - 285, Lecturer with Security of Employment Series* (03/18/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review on proposed revisions to *Academic Personnel Manual (APM) – 710, Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave* (04/22/2024).
- Endorsed Chancellor Christ & administration in finding a peaceful resolution to the non-violent protest and encampment taking place on Sproul Plaza (05/06/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Systemwide Senate Review of proposed Academic Senate *Statement on UC Quality* (05/14/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the report of the *University of California Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities* (05/16/2024).
- Endorsed committee comments on the proposed revisions of the *Conflicts of Interest Arising Out of Consensual Relationships* policy (06/03/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on proposed revisions to *Academic Personnel Manual (APM) - 016, University Policy on Faculty Conduct and Administration of Discipline* (06/03/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost's letter on Inclusion and belonging in our classroom (08/20/2024).

Budget and Planning

- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the *Report from the Proposal and Transition Committee for the Formation of a Division of Enrollment Management at the University of California, Berkeley* (12/15/2023).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments on the *Report of the Joint Academic and Administrative Working Group on the University Library (June 30, 2023)* (02/23/2024).
- Forwarded recommendations and committee comments supporting the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation's (CAPRA) letter on the Clean Energy Campus Project (04/24/2024).
- Forwarded the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation's (CAPRA's) 2024-25 budget and policy recommendations to the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (06/27/24).
- Forwarded Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation's (CAPRA) memo on *Gifts that Require Substantial Campus Contributions* (07/10/2024)

Awards and Honors

- Approved five recipients of the 2024 Distinguished Teaching Award (03/18/2024).
- Approved two recipients of the 2024 Berkeley Faculty Service Award (04/01/2024).
- Approved one recipient of the 2024 Henkin Citation award (04/29/2024).
- Approved two recipients of the 2024 Clark Kerr award (05/06/2024).

- Approved two recipients of the 2025 Martin Meyerson Faculty Research Lecture (05/13/2024).

Senate Management

- Discussed *Conflict of Interest* guidelines (08/29/2023).
- Confirmed appointments to standing committees of the Academic Senate (08/28/2023, 09/11/2023, 09/18/2023, 10/02/2023, 10/16/2023, 10/30/2023, 11/13/2023, 12/04/2023, 12/11/2023, 01/22/2024, 02/12/2024, 02/26/2024, 03/18/2024, 04/29/2024, 05/13/2024).
- Held two regular Division meetings (11/2/2023 [Zoom] & 04/25/2024).
- Approved authorization for the Division Chair to act on behalf of Divisional Council during winter break until Council reconvened in spring 2024 (12/11/2023).
- Approved the reauthorization of the Committee on Charges (COC) through Spring 2026 (04/15/2024).
- Approved the reauthorization to extend the Climate Change Task Force (05/13/2024).
- Approved authorization for the Division Chair to act on behalf of the Divisional Council during the summer break (05/13/2024).
- Approved authorization for the Division Vice Chair to act on behalf of the Chair and the Divisional Council in the absence of the Chair during summer break (05/13/2024).