

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

The Spring meeting of the Berkeley Division was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, in Spieker Forum in Chou Hall. Professor Maximilian Auffhammer, Chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. The quorum of 50 Senate members was not met.

I. Minutes

Minutes of the November 2, 2023, meeting of the Division (Enclosure 1)

ACTION: The minutes of the November 2, 2023, meeting were unable to be approved because quorum was not met.

II. Announcements by President Michael Drake

President Drake first acknowledged the hard work done by the Chancellor's search committee. He welcomed Rich Lyons as the chancellor designate.

He reflected on the current political climate and protests happening on campus. He signaled interest in protecting the peace, safety, and security of the campuses, while at the same time treating members of the community with respect.

President Drake explained that the Governor's proposed deferral of a budget increase for the university was due to state budget constraints. He is still committed to the current salary program. He discussed the university's commitment to undergraduate education, highlighting legislative support, especially the Governor and members of the California Assembly.

President Drake discussed the UC's efforts in addressing climate change. He initially advocated for a sustainability goal to be carbon neutral by 2025 but has now moved to a modification of that goal.

President Drake highlighted the importance of teaching professors at the UC campuses, citing their role in undergraduate education. A question was asked about tuition and revenue, and that tuition may not keep pace with rising costs. In response, he explained UC's tuition model, which includes a cohort tuition plan that provides predictable increases in funding over time. The benefits of the plan include lower non-resident tuition and increased funding for campuses.

III. Other Announcements

A. Chancellor Carol Christ

The Chancellor began by saying that she had hoped to avoid escalating the protest situation at Berkeley by evaluating the circumstances twice a day and implementing mitigating measures. She expressed gratitude for resolving the encampment at Sproul Plaza peacefully without police action.

She highlighted the successful fundraising campaign, Light the Way, which raised \$7.37 billion. This will go toward 42 new faculty positions, financial aid, and various building projects.

Chancellor Christ predicted significant changes in intercollegiate athletics in the next five years due to legal challenges and increased athlete compensation demands. She also stated that there will be budget stresses that include legal claims and revenue. Finally, the Chancellor outlined plans to increase athletics revenue through budget realignment, fundraising, and partnerships.

B. Berkeley Division Chair Maximilian Auffhammer

Chair Auffhammer called attention to the Academic Senate's successes and challenges throughout the year. He reflected on the importance of shared governance and the Senate's role in maintaining free speech and principles of community, as well as the importance of trust and collaboration between the administration and the Berkeley Division.

Chair Auffhammer highlighted the Academic Senate's successes, such as advocacy for library funding, faculty growth, and Budget Committee achievements. He acknowledged progress made, but also expressed concerns about faculty and staff burnout and budgetary challenges. He also worries about the lack of clear communication in shared governance systemwide, citing the graduate student contract as an example.

C. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Kenneth Ng

ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President Ng shared a few lessons he has learned about struggles that incoming first-year and transfer students face. The first lesson is that students feel the consequences of inequalities in the classroom due to disparities in their preparatory education. Incoming first-year students are failing lower division classes at startling rates, and incoming transfer students are encountering systemic cultural barriers to their success on campus. Continuing students struggle with the increasing costs of living in the Bay Area. Additionally, AAVP Ng stated that breadth requirements are generally seen as obstacles, rather than crucial parts of their education. These issues factor into the daily academic experience at UC Berkeley for the average undergraduate student.

Second, he noted that students are exhausted mentally, emotionally, and in temperament. A recent *Wall Street Journal* article reported that incoming college students are more disillusioned with their government and other power structures than

any other generation in recent modern memory. AAVP Ng said he hoped that students would continue to collaborate with the Academic Senate and administration to address campus issues. He emphasized the importance of student voices in decision-making, citing their engagement in local and global issues, and proposed including students in shared governance to create a more adaptive and inclusive Berkeley.

IV. Special Orders-Consent Calendar

*For proposed legislative amendments, **additions** to the current text are noted by an underline; **deletions** to the current text are noted by a strikethrough line. Per Division bylaws, the consent calendar is approved in the absence of a quorum.*

A. Proposed amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 36 (Faculty Athletics Council)

The Faculty Athletics Council (FACL) proposes to amend its bylaw to add the Executive Director of the Athletic Study Center (ASC) as a nonvoting *ex officio* member. The rationale is that the ASC sits at the center of many issues facing FACL, and the ASC Executive Director is a valuable source of information and insight.

36. FACULTY ATHLETICS COUNCIL

(En. 04.30.20)

A. Membership

This Committee consists of at least five Senate members, a Senate member of the Undergraduate Council, the Faculty Athletics Representative as an *ex officio* member, two student members¹⁰, who should be current student-athletes, the Executive Director of the Athletic Study Center, *ex officio*, as a nonvoting member, and the Intercollegiate Athletics Senior Woman Administrator (or designate), *ex officio*, as a nonvoting member. The Chair is designated by the Committee on Committees from among the appointed members.

B. Duties

- Advises the Senate and Administration on matters pertaining to the welfare of student-athletes both in and out of the classroom.
- Advises the Senate and Administration on Intercollegiate Athletics department policies and administration.
- Monitors the Faculty Fellows program.
- Reports to the Divisional Council at the end of each academic year.

B. Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaw 73 (College of Computing, Data Science, and Society)

The CDSS administration proposes to amend BDB 73 specifying the membership of the Faculty of the College of CDSS. It is proposed to add two new items. Item 5 is added in response to conditions set by Divisional Council in order to transfer the Data Science major from L&S into CDSS. DIVCO stipulated that Senate faculty who

represent social and ethical aspects of data science be added to the CDSS faculty. This item is understood to be a temporary amendment. Upon the approval of one or more new departments, the College is expected to submit a proposal to remove this item, as those faculty will have full representation under item 1. The second amendment (item 6) adds additional representation for augmented graduate groups. The proposed amendments have been approved by the current CDSS faculty.

73. COLLEGE OF COMPUTING, DATA SCIENCE, AND SOCIETY (En. DATE)

In addition to ex officio members, By-Law 64, members of this Faculty are:

1. All members of the Division who have at least 0% FTE (abovethe-line) appointment in one or more departments, schools, or augmented graduate groups assigned to the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society, and emeriti who had such appointment at the time of retirement.
2. All members of the Division who serve as chair or head of the Center for Computational Biology, Computational Precision Health, or any other augmented graduate group assigned to the College of Computing, Data Science, and Society.
3. All members of the Division who were appointed through FTEs that were allocated to the Center for Computational Biology (CCB) before it became an augmented graduate group in 2018 (“Type 1” members of CCB).
4. Up to three members of the Division annually designated by the faculty committee having oversight of the Data Science Major.
5. Nine members of the Division representing social and ethical aspects of data science as specified by Divisional Council¹, appointed to three-year terms by the Chair of the Faculty of the College in consultation with the Dean of the Division of Arts and Humanities in the College of Letters and Science, the Dean of the Division of Social Sciences in the College of Letters and Science, and the Chair of the Council of Professional School Deans.
6. Six members of the Division, not otherwise members of the Faculty of the College, appointed to three-year terms by the Chair of the Faculty of the College based on recommendations from the faculty directors of augmented graduate groups assigned to the College.

¹ DIVCO’s December 15, 2023, approval letter states: “Following a proposal made by the CDSS Dean’s office to DIVCO just before the December 14 meeting, a change to Divisional Bylaw 73 be made by the end of the spring

2024 semester, to include, as members of the college, faculty who represent social and ethical aspects of data science. Specifically, three Senate faculty representatives from each of the three groups that submitted proposals in social and ethnical research areas for the new department will be granted membership in the College until the establishment of this department (these areas are currently named “Computation and Data Science for Economics and Business,” “Computation and Societal Policy,” “Human Technology Futures.”) This group encompasses a broader range of scholars than the recommendation of the systemwide Senate. Initially, membership will be determined by CDSS in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders (e.g., relevant executive committees, deans, and members of the three proposal groups.)”

ACTION: In the absence of a quorum, the Consent Calendar was approved.

V. Reports of Special Committees (None)

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Faculty Awards (written report only – Enclosure 2)

B. Committee on Rules and Elections

The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Elections (R&E), Carla Hesse, provided a brief report. Four hundred ninety-seven ballots were cast in elections. Professors Darlene Francis (Public Health), Hannah Ginsborg (Philosophy), Joseph Gonzales (Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences), and Daniel Sargent (History/Public Policy) were elected to the Divisional Council (DIVCO), and Professors David Bates (Rhetoric), Susanna Elm (History/Ancient Greek & Roman Studies), Ethan Ligon (Agricultural & Resource Economics), and Mary Ann Smart (Music) were elected to the Committee on Committees (COMS).

C. Committee on Teaching

Distinguished Teaching Award

<https://teaching.berkeley.edu/node/240>

The Academic Senate’s Committee on Teaching recommended the following recipients for the Distinguished Teaching Award, the campus’ most prestigious honor for teaching. These recommendations were approved by DIVCO. The award recognizes teaching that incites intellectual curiosity in students, engages them thoroughly in the enterprise of learning, and has a lifelong impact.

- Kristen Holmquist, Law
- Peter Jenks, Linguistics
- David Marno, English

- Peter Marsden, Chemistry
- Victoria Robinson, Ethnic Studies

VII. Petitions of Students (None)

VIII. Unfinished Business (None)

IX. University and Faculty Welfare

A. Conversation with Chancellor Carol Christ (Discussion only)

Vice Chair of the Berkeley Division Amani Nuru-Jeter conversed with Chancellor Christ on a variety of topics, including introspection on her career at UC Berkeley, life after being Chancellor, the national landscape of higher education, and UC Berkeley's principles of community.

Chancellor Christ spoke about several important characteristics of a good leader, including being good at listening and liking to listen, as well as being good at team building. She mentioned that people often imagine that being chancellor is like being the CEO of a company, but she explained that it is more like being a mayor of a complicated city.

Chancellor Christ acknowledged the extraordinary explosion of entrepreneurship and scientific revolutions. The examples include CRISPR, technologies related to addressing climate change, data science, and artificial intelligence (AI). Regarding the humanities and social sciences, Chancellor Christ encouraged faculty to think through the following:

- What are the social consequences?
- What are the policy consequences of these extraordinary changes in the scientific and technological world?
- What are the ethical values that should guide us in relationship to these various scientific discoveries?
- How will artists represent this great new world?

She looks forward to living more deliberately and doing things she loves to do, which include reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

X. New Business (None)

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by Carla Hesse
Secretary, Berkeley Division