

**APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

The Fall meeting of the Berkeley Division was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, in the Banatao Auditorium in Sutardja Dai Hall, pursuant to call. Professor Ronald C. Cohen, Chair of the Berkeley Division, presided. The quorum of 50 Senate members was not met.

I. Minutes

Enclosure 1

ACTION: The minutes of October 19, 2021 meeting of the Division were unable to be approved because quorum was not met.

II. Announcements by the President

President Michael Drake was unable to attend.

III. Other Announcements

A. Chancellor Carol Christ

The Chancellor began by sharing her main focus for the fall 2022 semester, which is rebuilding community after COVID-19. Chancellor Christ also shared updates on projects such as the Anchor House building project and the People's Park project which are both making positive progress. Also, a construction schedule has been set for The Gateway.

The campaign has reached \$5.5 billion, which is 93% of the \$6 billion goal. Some goals within the campaign, for faculty positions, graduate fellowships, and complete funding for building campaigns, have not yet been met, and efforts are being redoubled to reach those individual goals.

The Chancellor also spoke about the enrollment crisis, caused by the lawsuit by Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods against the campus. The enrollment crisis highlights a dilemma for campus: while demand for a Berkeley education and legislative pressure for growth keeps increasing, many neighbors do not want student the student population to grow. There is also a lack of physical space and resources for growth. There is much thought about ways to increase the number of students served, but not increase number of students on campus.

Chancellor Christ then shared an update on the budget. The state is committing to a five percent increase in state allocation for each of the next five years, as well as funding for additional enrollment and buying out the additional reduction in out of state students. The Office of the President is campaigning for \$1.6 billion capital allocation. Currently, the issue is capital budget, especially regarding deferred maintenance.

B. ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President James Weichert

The ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President spoke to the many changes that the pandemic caused for students, and the need to pivot the ways that instruction and grading have historically been done in order to protect and maintain the physical and mental health of UC Berkeley students.

The AAVP then spoke about his own experiences as a Berkeley student during the COVID-19 pandemic and urged faculty and administration to consider reimagining what academic success looks like to avoid student burnout.

C. Berkeley Division Chair Ronald Cohen

Division Chair Cohen began by taking a moment to recognize the late Professor Robert Powell, who was an exceptional Senate Chair and an overall pleasure to work with.

Division Chair Cohen then provided an overview of formal Senate activities, which included reviews of various departments, programs, and initiatives. The Senate also engaged in conversations with administration about strategies for increased transparency surrounding finances. In addition, outstanding colleagues were celebrated and extraordinary research was emphasized. Division Chair Cohen spoke briefly about administrative changes in the next academic year, and announced the 2022-23 Division Chair and Vice Chair, Mary Ann Smart and Maximilian Auffhammer.

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 Regulation 809 related to L&S major programs

The revision, recommended by the Committee on Rules and Elections and endorsed by Divisional Council, codifies the intention that grades earned in all advanced courses approved to meet upper division requirements should be included in the minimum GPA calculation. The amendment adds the words “or graduate level” to 809.D.

809. MAJOR PROGRAMS (Am. 3.83, 4.11.96, 4.29.04, 04.29.21)

- A.** Each candidate must complete a four-year major program of one of the types described in Regulation 810.
- The major program is designed as a planned effort to explore a subject systematically, to assure that all students pursuing the same major program acquire certain knowledge in common, and to encourage the student in independent study.
 - All major programs of whatever type must include not fewer than 30 nor more than 60 units, and must include not fewer

- than 24 nor more than 30 units in upper division courses. Any exceptions to these unit requirements must be approved by the Executive Committee of the College before publication and before they become effective.
- Requirements for major programs, including prerequisites and limitations on programs, and alternative electives, must be approved by the Executive Committee of the College before publication and before they become effective.
- B.** A student may declare a major program as early as the student decides, consistent with any major prerequisites, but must declare it not later than the beginning of the junior year.
- As soon as the student has declared the major, and been accepted to pursue it, the student shall be assigned to a major adviser for that program.
- C.** A change from one major program to another may be made only by permission of the Dean of the College and of the department or committee in charge of the major program to which the student petitions to transfer.
- The Office of the Registrar will send notice that such change has been authorized to the departments or committees concerned.
 - No change of major will be permitted after the opening of the student's last term.
- D.** Candidates for the A.B. degree must attain at least a C (2.00) average in all upper division or graduate level courses that are identified by the major department or program as specifically required, or approved as elective course options to fulfill a major requirement. In the case of elective course options, the calculation will include the minimum number of courses with the highest grades needed to fulfill the requirement. Averages higher than a C may be required only for Honors Programs. (see Regulation 815).
- E.** Students who fail to attain an average of C (2.00) for all work taken in a department may, at the option of that department, be denied the privilege of pursuing a major program in that department. A similar option may be exercised by committees in charge of group or field majors.
- F.** Each major department is expected to notify the Dean of the College of any students who, in the opinion of the department, cannot profitably continue in the major program of the department, together with a statement of the basis for such opinion.
- In such cases, the Executive Committee of the College may, with approval of the department concerned, permit a change to another major program or may, with approval of the President of the University, require the students to withdraw from the College. Committees in charge of group or field major will follow a similar pattern.
- G.** Students who are admitted to senior standing in the University of

courses are included to bring the total up to 24-30 units of upper division courses (see Regulation 809.A).

- Each field major program will be drawn and administered by an appropriate standing committee of the Faculty of the College.

V. Reports of Special Committees (None)

VI. Report of Standing Committees

A. Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate

<https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/awards/henkin>

B. Committee on Faculty Awards (written report only – Enclosure 3)

C. Committee on Faculty Research Lecture (written report only – Enclosure 4)

D. Committee on Rules and Elections

E. Committee on Teaching

Distinguished Teaching Award

The Academic Senate Committee on Teaching selected recipients for this award, which is the most prestigious honor for teaching. The award recognizes teaching that incites intellectual curiosity in students, engages them thoroughly in the enterprise of learning, and has a lifelong impact.

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

VII. Petitions of Students (None)

VIII. Unfinished Business (None)

IX. University and Faculty Welfare (Discussion only)

A. Transition to a zero carbon emission campus: Phase I replacing the cogeneration plant

A panel and slide presentation focused on the planning for the replacement of the campus heat and electricity provided by the cogeneration plant including both a description of the replacement facilities and plans for financing. Panelists included: Sally McGarrahan, Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Services; Kira Stoll, Chief Sustainability and Carbon Solutions Officer; and Rosemarie Rae, Vice Chancellor of Finance/Chief Financial Officer.

Associate Vice Chancellor McGarrahan touched on the following points:

- The goal is for Berkeley to have a clean electrified campus energy system by 2028, as the existing energy system is reaching the end of its useful life.

- The cogeneration plant will be replaced with a new central electric heat pump plant, which will be powered through utility and on-site solar and will provide heating and cooling to the main campus.
- The current plan is for the central thermal plant to be located in North Field.
- Design should begin in 2023, with construction beginning in 2025.
- The state budget request is \$365 million, which provides for planning, design, and construction of the thermal plant and core energy system distribution infrastructure for approximately 80% of campus buildings.

Vice Chancellor Rae briefly emphasized the importance of the state budget ask and requested the advocacy of Senate members.

The panel briefly entertained questions from Senate faculty members, which included clarification of how many buildings the new thermal plant would encompass.

X. New Business (None)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

J. Keith Gillless
Secretary, Berkeley Division