



The Fortnightly

December 3, 2018

Welcome to the seventh issue of a fortnightly digest of news from the Division Council (DIVCO) of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate. The intent of the digest is to summarize issues being discussed at DIVCO, provide updates on recent deliberations and policies, and highlight engagement by the Senate with members of the administration and student groups.

The Division is seeking nominations for the Spring 2019 election of members to DIVCO, and to the Committee on Committees (COMS), which appoints faculty members to Academic Senate committees. Nominating petitions can be downloaded from

<https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/elections>

DIVCO meets every two weeks during the semester. A schedule of these meetings, along with approved minutes, can be found online at

<https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/committees/divco>

The seventh meeting of DIVCO was held on Monday, December 3. This is the penultimate meeting of DIVCO this semester. The main agenda items included a discussion of the [UCPath Implementation](#), a review of a proposed Masters in Design (MDes) from the [Jacob's Institute for Design Innovation](#) and the [College of Environmental Design](#), and updates on Academic Senate Issues.

UCPath is an IT project that will integrate the software system used for payroll throughout the entire UC system. To date, this project has gone live at UCLA and UCSB. UCB's implementation is schedule to go live in March 2019 and the entire campus community will receive their first paychecks under this system starting on March 1, 2019. Updates on UCPath implementation along with the support systems that will be in place after March 1 were presented to DIVCO by Heather Archer (Assistant Vice Provost and Chief Administrative Office for the Academic Personnel Enterprise), Marc Fisher (Vice Chancellor for Administration), and Jo Mackness (Interim Assistant Vic Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer). DIVCO members asked questions about the support systems being put in place to deal with possible issues after the go live date.

The proposed MDes program is a self-supported graduate professional degree program (SSGPDP) and commentary from the Graduate Council and the Committee on Budget and

Interdepartmental Relations was discussed at DIVCO. The discussion of SSGPDP programs raised broader issues of measures for faculty buyouts, student diversity, and financial aid.

The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Academic Senate, [Robert May](#) and [Kum Kum Bhavnani](#), respectively, were invited guests at DIVCO. The meeting closed with comments from Professor May about UC's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, SSGPDP programs, cost of living increases to faculty salaries, and academic freedom for librarians. Professor Bhavnani discussed the ongoing UC librarians' negotiations with Elsevier.

Thanking you for your engagement and wishing you a successful end to the semester.

Sincerely,
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