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Welcome to the eleventh 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 year 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the approval by The Regents of a resolution to admit women to the University of California. Presently, a joint Administration-Senate task force has been convened and members are soliciting ideas from the university-wide community for events and ideas to mark 2020 as the Year Celebrating Cal Women. Please feel free to send your ideas to <oreilly@berkeley.edu>

A reminder that the Division is actively seeking nominations for faculty to serve on committees. If you are interested, then please fill out the forms that can be found at

<https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/volunteer-service>

The second of the [106th Annual Meyerson Faculty Research Lectures](#) will be presented by Professor Jill Banfield (EPS and ESPM) on Tuesday, April 30, from 4pm-5pm in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center. This lecture is open to the public. The [Distinguished Teaching Award Ceremony](#) will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 5:00pm-6:30pm in Sibley Auditorium. The Spring Division Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, from 3pm-5pm in Sibley Auditorium.

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>

Issues under review by the Berkeley division and the systemwide senate can be found online at

<https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/issues/issues-under-review>
<https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/under-review/index.html>

The eleventh meeting of DIVCO was held on Monday, March 18. This was the third meeting of DIVCO this semester. Items on the agenda included

1. Discussions of the Review of the School of Law;
2. Discussion of a proposed dual degree program between the College of Letters & Science and the University of Hong Kong (HKU);

3. Discussion of a proposal to discontinue the M.A. and Ph.D. degree programs in Latin American Studies;
4. Discussion of the workload modification and leave policies for ladder-rank faculty.
5. Discussion of the UC transfer guarantee proposal.

Discussion of the report from the External Review Committee for the Law School was led by the chairs of several Senate committees including Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate, the Budget and Interdepartmental Relations Committee, and the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation. DIVCO's comments will be summarized and submitted to the administration as part of the review process for the Law School.

The Chair of the Undergraduate Council, Jonah Levy, led the discussion of the proposed dual degree program between the College of Letters & Sciences and the University of Hong Kong. Concerns about this program, including financial aid, advising, academic freedom, and housing, were raised at an earlier DIVCO meeting which prompted responses from the Dean for Summer Sessions Richard Russo and three deans from the College of Letters and Science.

The discussion of the proposal to discontinue the M.A. and Ph.D. degree programs in Latin American Studies was led by the chair of Graduate Council, John Battles, and the chair of the Budget and Interdepartmental Relations Committee, Raka Ray. The proposal was approved.

A more transparent policy for workload modification and leaves for ladder-rank faculty has been proposed by the administration. Such leaves include bereavement leaves and childbearing leaves. The co-chair of the Committee on Faculty Welfare, Terrence Hendershott, led the discussion on the policy. Concerns were raised about summer salary, the proposed bereavement leave, and boundaries between a formal and informal leave.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion of the CCC-UC Transfer Agreement which was signed in April 2018 by the UC President Janet Napolitano and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) (and UC Regent) Eloy Oakley. The agreement promises to extend admission to UC to all qualified CCC students. The agreement has been reviewed by the systemwide Board of Admission and Relations with Schools (BOARS) and they have developed a [UC Transfer Guarantee Proposal](#). The chair of the Admissions Enrollment and Preparatory Education (AEPE), Ignacio Navarrete, led the discussion at DIVCO. He noted that UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UCSD were all at enrollment capacity for transfer students and will be unaffected by BOARS' proposal. Concerns were raised by AEPE about the effects of the transfer admissions guarantee on diversity of the admitted pool of students and the practical problems associated with guaranteeing admission of transfer students to impacted majors.

Thanking you for your engagement and wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing spring break.

Sincerely,
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