



The Fortnightly

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Welcome to the sixth 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 Senate was actively involved in deliberations about the cancellation of classes due to the impact of the Camp Fire prior to the Thanksgiving break. In particular, the Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI) was consulted during the weekend of November 17 about the possibility of making up classes during RR&R week. The advice COCI provided was grounded in the already established [Guidelines for Single-Incident Disruptions of Classes](#). Additionally, the Chair was consulted about cancellation of classes and the postponement of the Big Game.

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 sixth meeting of DIVCO was held on Monday, November 19. The primary agenda item was a discussion of

[Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment](#)

Professor Marianne Constable, the chair of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P&T) was invited to DIVCO to participate in the discussion. Commentary from a wide range of Senate committees was requested before the meeting and the responses from P&T and the Committee on Faculty Welfare were the most substantive. While there is overwhelming support for a timely implementation of a consistent university-wide process, concerns were raised about timing, privacy of both the complainant and respondent, and the status of public speech. This feedback will be shared with UCOP.

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

Sincerely,
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