



The Fortnightly

October 8, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

In the fortnight since Jenna last wrote to you, the Committee on Committees for the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate has been soliciting names for the Academic Advisory Committee. This committee will advise the search committee that has been formed by The Regents to choose the next UC President. Membership of the search committee has now been officially announced:

<https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/about/pres-search.html>

Hopefully, you received the email from Oliver requesting input on the “qualities and qualifications” for the next UC President. The link for input is

<https://forms.gle/vCu2MdtRKKzVy1FG7>

There will be an announcement in the coming weeks calling for nominations of potential candidates for the position of UC President and we shall make sure it is widely distributed.

In other news, the [Capital Campaign](#) will hold a kick-off event on Saturday February 29, 2020. This will mark the public phase of the \$6B campaign. The Celebration of 150 Years of Berkeley Women will hold its tip-off event at the Cal-Stanford women’s basketball game on Sunday, January 12, 2020. More information on this event can be found on soon-to-be live website

www.150w.berkeley.edu

and on the twitter feed: [@WomenatCal150](#)

We remind you that the once-per-semester meetings of the Berkeley Division of the Senate will be held in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center, from 3-5 p.m. on:

Monday, November 4

Thursday, April 30

These meetings are an important opportunity for Senate faculty to participate in the governance of the university. Please make it a priority to attend. We are pleased that EVCP Paul Alivisatos will be present to discuss forthcoming capital projects.

Your Divisional Council met for the third time of the fall on Monday, October 7th. Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP) Paul Alivisatos, Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education Cathy Koshland, and Chair of the Committee on Teaching Glynda Hull were in attendance to discuss the campus' **Digital Strategies**. They were joined by Director of [Digital Learning Services](#) Suzanne Harrison. The discussion focused on the construction of an intentional digital strategy for undergraduates. Since 2007, the campus has offered over 35 courses online during Summer Sessions with a total enrollment of 21,000 students. Current efforts include transforming online summer sessions courses to a semester format. These courses include Psychology 1 "General Psychology," Asian American Studies 20AC "Asian American Communities and Race Relations," and possibly MCB W61 "Brain, Mind, and Behavior" and Political Science 3 "Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods." The challenges of teaching online courses and properly supporting students in those courses were discussed during the course of the meeting. DIVCO members were particularly interested in how Digital Learning Services might be able to provide additional assistance to faculty so they could construct course sites on bCourses using course materials that were ADA accessible. There were also requests to see how Digital Learning Services might be able to provide assistance in proctoring exams. It was clear from the discussion that faculty are not sufficiently aware of the capabilities of bCourses and have difficulty getting support to help construct their course website.

Following the discussion of digital strategies, DIVCO heard comments from the Committee on Research (COR) and the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate (DECC) on the Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation. The new policy was given positive reviews by both committees. Concerns were raised about ensuring that the new policy is widely disseminated throughout the Native American communities.

DIVCO then discussed the annual report from the Senate Athletics Council. This committee was formed in response to the September 2014 Report from the Chancellor's Task Force on Academics and Athletics. The committee's charge is "to advise the Senate and Administration on matters pertaining to the welfare of student athletes both in and out of the classroom." Under the leadership of Mark D'Esposito, the committee has been very active. In addition,

Meg Conkey and Mark have done a commendable job maintaining the Faculty Fellows Program. This program pairs faculty members with athletic teams. Currently 70% of Cal's athletic teams have a faculty fellow. If you are interested in participating in this program, please reach out to Mark or Meg. Several DIVCO members are currently in the process of drafting a charge that will transform the Senate Athletics Council into a standing committee of the Berkeley Division. The charge will be brought to DIVCO for discussion and a possible vote at a future meeting.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion of "DIVCO's Principles for Decision-Making about Capital Projects" The construction of the principles was made in response to the EVCP's presentation on capital projects. They will hopefully help Senate members in their future roles on committees for capital projects. Presently, four members of DIVCO are drafting the principles in response to feedback from the meeting on Monday.

Thank you for your continued interest in our Senate and our campus.

Sincerely,

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