



The Fortnightly

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Welcome to the third 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to notify you of the following events:

Monday, October 29: A forum on the [Undergraduate Council Report](#) on the Status of Unit-18 Non-Senate Faculty (Lecturers) co-sponsored by the Academic Senate, Berkeley Faculty Association, and the UC-AFT (American Federation of Teachers who represent Unit-19 Lecturers). The forum will be held from 12:00pm – 1:30pm in 402 Barrows Hall.

Monday, October 29: The [Fall Division Meeting](#) will be held from 3:00 to 5:00pm in the Toll Room of the Alumni House. The Chancellor will be among the invited speakers.

Thursday, November 15: UC Berkeley Veterans Commemoration is being planned by the campus.

Thursday, March 14 (Pi Day), 2019: UC Berkeley's 5th Annual Big Give will be held.

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 third meeting of DIVCO was held on Monday, October 8. The meeting focused on two topics: the campus review of the Department of City and Regional Planning, and collating and summarizing the responses from a wide range of committees on drafts of the Berkeley Strategic Plan: <https://strategicplan.berkeley.edu/>. The Division Chair will be forwarding the responses along with a cover letter to the Chancellor this week.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research is currently reviewing faculty nominees to serve on working groups that will be drafting the final versions of the Signature Initiatives for the campus. DIVCO would like to express their gratitude to faculty members from across the campus for their willingness to serve in this important capacity.

Thanking you for your engagement.

Sincerely,
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