



The Fortnightly

October 24, 2018

Welcome to the fourth 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 Barrows Hall Room 402.

Monday, October 29: The [Fall Division Meeting](#) is being held from 3:00 to 5:00pm in the Toll Room of the Alumni House. Chancellor Carol Christ will attend and make announcements on various campus and university matters. University Librarian Jeffrey MacKie-Mason will provide an update on negotiations with key academic publishers, and a panel will discuss accommodation for disabled students, faculty resources and obligations, and accessibility and affordability of course materials, followed by open discussion.

Thursday, November 15: [UC Berkeley Veterans Commemoration](#) is being held at California Memorial Stadium, Gate 1 Lisa & Douglas Goldman Plaza from 3-5 p.m.

Thursday, March 14 (Pi Day), 2019: [UC Berkeley's 5th Annual Big Give](#) is being held. [A Kickoff and General Information Session](#) will be held on *Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 1:30–3 pm in Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Engineering Center*. [A Roundtable Q&A](#) will be held on *Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11 am –12 pm in Pauley Ballroom West, Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union*. For further details and to subscribe to the mailing list for this important fundraising event, please email biggive@berkeley.edu. Please feel free to share this information with students particularly those who are active in student groups on campus that participate in the Big Give.

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 fourth meeting of DIVCO was held on Monday, October 22. The meeting focused on two topics: the campus review of the Department of Astronomy and collating and summarizing the responses from a wide range of committees about a Data Science Initiative. The Chair will be forwarding the responses along with a cover letter to the Chancellor and Provost later this week.

Thanking you for your engagement.

Sincerely,
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