In fulfilling its charge as established in the Bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the UGC carried out the following activities. The chair of the UGC during 2016-17 was Professor Mark Stacey.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section. Dates in parentheses, unless otherwise noted, indicate the date of correspondence.

I. Academic Program Reviews

   • Department of Statistics
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Robert Powell (09/21/16)

   • School of Journalism
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (09/28/16)

   • Department of Philosophy
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/19/16)

   • School of Public Health
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/28/16)

   • Department of Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/17/16)

   • Department of Psychology
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (02/22/17)

   • School of Information
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (03/09/17)

   • Department of Bioengineering
     Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (04/05/17)

II. Finished Business

   A. Completed with Written Comment

      • Transfer of L&S Media Studies from the Division of Undergraduate Studies to the Division of Arts and Humanities
        Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (09/22/16)

      • Draft New Presidential Policy on International Activities
        Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (10/26/16)
• Proposal to Amend Senate By-law 182 on the University Committee on International Education  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (11/30/16)*

• Proposal for Name Change of the Forestry and Natural Resources Degree Program (B.S.) and Establishment of Two Specializations  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (03/08/17)*

• Report from Visioning Team for Journalism, Communication, and Media  
*Comments forwarded to Division Chair Powell (05/02/17)*

B. Completed without Written Comment

• Data Science Planning Initiative  
*Chair Mark Stacey shared UGC's feedback on the initiative as a member of the working group convened by Division Chair Powell to provide Senate input to the administration (discussed 10/19/17).*

• Response to Presidential Election  
*The Committee discussed possible campus responses to the election of President Trump (discussed 11/16/16).*

• Student Basic Needs Security Survey  
*UGC met with Ruben Canedo of the campus and systemwide basic needs committees and the Centers for Educational Equity and Excellence. He gave a presentation on food and housing insecurity and shared the results of surveys by the UC Global Food Initiative and UC Berkeley (01/25/17).*

• Proposal for Merger of CEP and UGC  
*UGC discussed the proposal to merge UGC with the Committee on Educational Policy (01/25/17). Chair Stacey shared the committee's comments with the Divisional Council, which approved the merger on 04/24/17.*

• Proposal to Amend SR 630 (to add UC NRS Course)  
*UGC approved the proposed revisions without comment (02/22/17)*

• Guiding Principles on the Future Size of UC Berkeley/Enrollment Scenarios  
*Professor George Johnson asked UGC to provide input on scenarios on the future size of UC Berkeley, for the Working Group on Enrollment Management (02/22/17, 04/26/17).*

• Academic Progress Criteria  
*The chair of the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education asked UGC to comment on academic progress criteria (03/22/17). Chair Stacey provided informal comments to AEPE.*

• Satellite Campus
UGC discussed a paper by Saul Geiser of the Center for Studies in Higher Education on the possibility of UC Berkeley creating a two-year university branch campus (03/22/17).

- The Berkeley Undergraduate Discovery Experience
  Vice Chancellor for Research Paul Alivisatos (04/26/17)

- Updates from Campus Committee Representatives
  UGC heard reports from its representatives on the Academic Senate-SIS Advisory Committee (Professor Abby Dernburg); Advising Council (Professor Kathleen Ryan); Chancellor's Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics (Professor Patricia Dechow); and the Enrollment Management Working Group (Professor George Johnson) throughout the year.

III. Unfinished Business – None