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 2017-18 was Professor Mark Stacey and the Vice Chair was Professor Max Auffhammer.

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 Geography
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Lisa Alvarez-Cohen (09/12/17)

- Department of Scandinavian
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (11/06/17)

- Department of Materials Science and Engineering
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (02/16/18)

- Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (03/12/18)

- Department of Art Practice
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (04/10/18)

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Proposal to Discontinue the Undergraduate Degree program in Religious Studies
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (09/12/17)

- Proposal to Discontinue the Undergraduate Spanish and Portuguese Specializations and Establish Concentrations
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (09/12/17)

- Incentives Working Group Reports
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (09/20/17)

- Capped Majors Report
  Report and comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (11/30/17)

- Enrollment Process Questions from the Council of Undergraduate Deans
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (01/08/18)
• Report on the Status of Unit-18 Non-Senate Faculty (Lecturers) at UC Berkeley
  Report and comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (02/12/18)

• L&S Data Science Major Proposal
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (03/14/18)

• Policy/Practice on Instructor Drops
  Comments forwarded to Division Chair Alvarez-Cohen (04/26/18)

B. Completed without Written Comment

• Summer Minors
  UGC met with Rick Russo, Dean of Summer Sessions, Study Abroad, and Lifelong Learning to learn about summer minors offered at Berkeley (11/01/17).

• Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Update
  UGC met with Fabrizio Mejia, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Equity and Success to hear an update on the status of DACA and other undocumented students on campus (02/07/18).

• Campus Strategic Planning
  UGC provided input to the Campus Strategic Planning Working Groups, especially the Student Experience Working Group, which included UGC Vice Chair Max Auffhammer, UGC member Professor Jonah Levy, and UGC invited guest Dean Joseph Greenwell as members. Professor George Johnson served as a member of the Enrollment Working Group (discussed on 02/07/18).

• Student Innovation Program Draft Proposal
  Professor Steven Justice presented a proposal from the Academic Senate–Student Information Systems Advisory Committee to establish a staffed office to support students and groups in accessing the SIS API to develop applications. Professor Justice conveyed UGC's support for the proposal to ASAC–SIS (discussed 03/07/18).

• ASUC Resolution Requesting Implementation of Contextual GPA Data on Undergraduate Transcripts
  Andrew–Ian Bullitt, ASUC Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented a resolution from the ASUC. If requested, UGC will comment on a formal proposal in the future. (03/07/18)

• Career Center Resources and Service Changes
  Tom Devlin, Executive Director of the Career Center, gave an overview of Career Center services and challenges (04/04/18).

• Dual Degree Programs
  Cathy Kosland, Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education, provided information about dual degree programs and other collaborations with Sciences Po, UHK and NUS, and Mills College (04/25/18).
• ASUC-GA Schism
  Katerina Yamamoto, ASUC student representative, informed the committee about plans for the Graduate Assembly’s secession from the ASUC (04/25/18).

• Updates from Campus Committee Representatives
  UGC heard occasional reports from its representatives on the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) (Professor Ken Ueno); University Committee on International Education (UCIE) (Professor Gustavo Manso); Academic Senate-SIS Advisory Committee (Professor Steven Justice); Advising Council (Professor Ramona Naddaff); and the Coordination Board for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Management (Vice Chair Max Auffhammer) throughout the year.

III. Unfinished Business – None