

APPROVED

2023-24 Annual Report
Undergraduate Council (UGC)

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 2023-24 was Professor Christopher Ansell and the Vice Chair was Professor Oscar Dubón.

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

I. Academic Program Reviews

- School of Optometry
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Max Auffhammer (10/09/23)
- Department of Architecture
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (10/09/23)
- Department of Economics
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (10/26/23)
- Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (01/05/24)
- School of Social Welfare
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (05/07/24)

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Proposal (revised) for new Department of Neuroscience and new undergraduate major in Neuroscience
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (10/09/23)
- Report from the Proposal and Transition Committee for the Formation of a Division of Enrollment Management at UCB
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (11/30/23)
- Inclusion and belonging in our classrooms (letter from EVCP Benjamin Hermalin)
Following discussion with Center for Teaching and Learning Assessment and Curriculum and Design Specialist Melissa Ko (11/01/23), comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (01/16/24)

- Proposal to transfer undergraduate majors in L&S (Computer Science, Data Science, and Statistics) and undergraduate minor (Statistics) from L&S to CDSS
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (12/07/23)
- Proposal to consolidate the Nutritional Science and Toxicology undergraduate specializations
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (02/20/24)
- ASUC proposal for a Grief Absence Policy for Students (GAPS)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (03/12/24)
- Final report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (03/20/24)
- Key Disabled Students' Program Information, Procedures & Protocols for Implementation of UCOP PACAOS 140, 143 et seq (Provision of Academic Adjustments)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (03/20/24)
- Proposal for new UC Berkeley-National University of Singapore dual degree
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (04/04/24)
- Proposed name change for the BA degree in Operations Research and Management Sciences to Analytics
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (04/04/24)
- Proposed Systemwide Academic Senate statement on UC quality
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (04/22/24)
- Proposal for new Department of Political Economy
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Auffhammer (05/07/24)

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Presentation on Academic Program Review
APR Director Verna Bowie gave an overview of the APR process (09/06/23).
- Academic Program Review: undergraduate programs
APR Director Verna Bowie, Center for Teaching and Learning Assessment and Curriculum and Design Specialist Melissa Ko, and Office for Faculty Equity and Welfare Academic Climate Program Director Tracy Pascua Dea met with UGC to discuss resources available to

departments. UGC discussed and approved revisions to undergraduate program-related sections of the APR process and Guide at 09/06/23, 10/04/23, and 02/07/24 meetings.

- Proposed revisions to CEP Guidelines Concerning Scheduling Conflicts with Academic Requirements
Revised guidelines were endorsed by DIVCO and adopted on 10/30/23.
- L&S Futures informational presentations
L&S Executive Dean Jennifer Johnson-Hanks and L&S Associate Dean for Programs and Planning Shannon Steen engaged UGC in conversation about the Futures committee's goals and recommendations (12/06/23, 05/01/24)
- Updates from Research, Teaching, and Learning on AI detection, peer learning, grading dashboards, and accessibility
Shawna Dark, Chief Academic Technology Officer and Assistant Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education; Erfan Mojaddam, Deputy Chief Academic Technology Officer and Director of Learning Technologies and Spaces; and Rebecca Farivar, Manager, Center for Teaching and Learning met with UGC on 03/06/24.
- *UGC representatives served on the following:*
 - University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) (Darlene Francis)
 - University Committee on International Education (UCIE) (Baoxia Mi)
 - Faculty Athletics Council (Steven Murray)
 - Council on Advising and Student Support (Martin White)
 - Coordination Board for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Management (Gireeja Ranade)
 - Space Assignments and Capital Improvements Committee (Eric Falci)
 - Task Force on Math Preparedness (Gireeja Ranade)

III. Unfinished Business – None