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2024-25 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 2024-25 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 *(comments forwarded to Division Chair Amani Nuru-Jeter)*

1. Department of Physics (10/15/24)
2. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology (10/15/24)
3. Department of Mechanical Engineering (11/19/24)
4. Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management (12/10/24)
5. Energy and Resources Group (03/11/25)
6. Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (05/08/25)

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

1. Proposal for new Bachelor of Science program in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (09/16/24)
2. Proposal for new Bachelor of Science program in Environmental Engineering
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (09/16/24)
3. Report of the Academic Advisory Committee on Social and Ethical Implications of Computing and Data Science
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (11/08/24)
4. Campus Disability Strategic Plan draft
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (02/06/25)
5. Proposed revisions to APM 036 re: letters of recommendation
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (02/06/25)
6. Phase one review of UCSF Memorials to the Regents to give Senate membership to Adjunct and Clinical Science faculty

Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (03/06/25)

7. Generative Artificial Intelligence tools
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (03/11/25)
8. Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 170 (University Committee on Educational Policy) and rescission of Senate Bylaw 192 (University Committee on Preparatory Education)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (03/11/25)
9. Proposal to change the names of the Chinese Language and Japanese Language majors to Chinese Language and Culture and Japanese Language and Culture
Approval forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (03/14/25)
10. Proposed amendment to Berkeley Division Bylaw 47 (Undergraduate Council, re: CUSHFA)
Approval conveyed to Division Secretary Carla Hesse (04/02/25)
11. Proposal for a new undergraduate major in Korean Language and Culture
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (04/08/25)
12. Academic Calendar Workgroup draft report
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (04/08/25)
13. Proposal for a Grief Absence Policy for Students (GAPS) (revised)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (04/08/25)
14. Review of the L&S program in Media Studies
Comments forwarded to VPUE Oliver O'Reilly and L&S Executive Dean Jennifer Johnson-Hanks (05/28/25)

B. Completed without Written Comment

1. Presentation on Academic Program Review
APR Director Verna Bowie and APR analyst Sumudu Desilva gave an overview of the APR process (09/04/24).
2. Transfer student experience
Jasmine Kamariotis, Director of the Transfer Student Center, spoke to UGC about transfer student issues at the meeting on 11/06/24.

3. Curriculum and Course Management System (CCMS) roadshow
Guests from the Office of the Registrar gave an overview of the new CCMS project, which is expected to go live in summer 2025, on 12/04/24.
4. Committee on Admissions, Enrollment, and Preparatory Education (AEPE) consultation with UGC on transfer student success rates
AEPE Chair Hector Rodriguez and Executive Director Jocelyn Banaria met with UGC on 02/05/25.
5. Joint Senate-Administration Task Force on the Transfer Student Experience
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Oliver O'Reilly gave an overview of the first-year report of the task force at the 02/05/25 meeting.
6. L&S Futures
Guests from L&S presented the Phase II Final Recommendation Report at the meeting on 05/07/25.
7. *UGC representatives served on the following:*
 - University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) (Gireeja Ranade)
 - University Committee on International Education (UCIE) (Baoxia Mi (fall), Johan Walden (spring))
 - Faculty Athletics Council (Ron Amundson)
 - Council on Advising and Student Support (Anne Baranger)
 - Coordination Board for Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Management (Lee Bernstein)
 - Campus Committee on Classroom Policy and Management (Ramona Naddaff)
 - Space Assignments and Capital Improvements Committee (Eric Falci)
 - Task Force on Transfer Student Experience (Steven Murray)

III. Unfinished Business

- Math preparedness in students
A subgroup will try to identify whether students of certain backgrounds systematically struggle in UCB math classes.
- Schedule Conflict Guidelines
The guidelines, which were updated in 2023, will be taken up again.
- Review of the report of the DIVCO Work Group on Generative Artificial Intelligence