

Charter for the UC Berkeley Fire Mitigation Committee

Authority and Responsibility

The Fire Mitigation Committee (“the Committee”) is charged by the Vice Chancellor for BAS on behalf of the Chancellor to formulate and recommend policy that will support the management of fire hazards within the U.C. Berkeley Hill Campus. The Committee may be composed of students, academics and administrative staff who have a professional concern for or interest in the Hill Campus and its wildlands. The Committee is charged with the following tasks:

- Recommend policy and strategies to manage fire hazards in the wildland/urban interface areas;
- Review campus compliance with existing and pending Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations relating to wildland fire issues, including but not limited to Clean Water Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Endangered Species Act codes;
- Provide the Vice Chancellor with recommendations on appropriate measures and costs to minimize fire hazards in the Hill Area;
- Review and recommend changes to activities that impact fire safety of wildland areas owned by the University that are adjacent to the Berkeley central campus; and,
- Verify that the Berkeley campus 2020 Hill Area Fire Fuel Management Program and any future or updated Fire Mitigation Programs are implemented and are effective

Appointment Process

The Vice Chancellor for BAS may receive nominations from the Committee and may solicit nominations from other sources as appropriate. Chair, preferably an academic, is to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor, BAS. Committee members to be selected by committee process, as overseen by the Chair.

Length of Service

The Chair will normally serve for a three-year term but may be appointed for additional terms.

Committee Membership

The committee will consist of 12 to 18 members to include members representing the following units:

- Facilities Services [including the Campus Landscape Architect, one planner, and at least one Physical Plant representative]
- Environment, Health and Safety [including the Campus Fire Marshal and at least one hydrology specialist]
- Hill Campus Unit Representatives [each unit may propose at least one representative]
- UC Police Department [including but not limited to the OEP Director]
- Academic Appointee – College of Natural Resources

The Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) will staff the Committee, will prepare an annual report, and will be responsible for matters involving committee administration. OEP shall have discretion to use a fire ecology consultant for preparing reports, guiding strategies and programs, and advising the committee.

Guests invited by committee member(s) or upon approved request may attend meetings.