

Committee on Divisional Activities

Mister President-Elect and Fellow Councilors:

The mission of the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) is to provide guidance, support, and resources to enable technical divisions to accomplish their goals. **SLIDE**

The full committee met online on Thursday, July 25th, in a special session to discuss the 2021 Division allocation. A significant component in the allocation formula used is based on 2020 national meeting and half-day technical session attendance. Due to the COVID-19 termination of the Spring meeting and modification of the Fall national meeting, DAC voted to use the average national meeting data from the past three years for each division in this part of the allocation calculation.

The full committee met again online on Thursday, August 13th, in full session to discuss several special topics, as well as the activities of its five subcommittees. The Committee discussed “Promoting Diversity, Inclusion and Respect and Removing Systemic Barriers within ACS Committees” with the Chair of the Committee on Minority Affairs. A working group within DAC is being formed to further consider this important topic and develop an action plan.

Every three years DAC is required to submit a Division allocation formula to Council.

The Committee discussed the current allocation in light of the many changes that have taken place in recent months and agreed to form a working group tasked with drafting a revision this Fall. The plan is to share the proposed formula with divisions later this year for comment and then submit it for consideration at the Spring 2021 Council meeting.

Divisions are encouraged to submit comments to DAC.

In other business, the Committee received updates on ACS priorities aligned with the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, from the Chair of the Committee on Membership Affairs on Membership 2.0, and from the Chair of the CPC Long Range Planning Subcommittee Working Group on Future Council Representation, as well as a written report from the Committee on Technician Affairs. DAC voted to continue its endorsement of the Petition to Clarify Amendments to the Standing Rules.

DAC received ten Innovative Project Grant (IPG) applications for the Fall cycle. As previously announced, the committee is using a new scoring rubric to evaluate proposals and will complete review and notify applicants in September. The deadline for Spring IPG applications is February 1, 2021.

SLIDE Finally, DAC wishes to acknowledge the efforts of the Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group and participating divisions in organizing and delivering a wide range of excellent programming in support of the Fall Meeting theme: “Moving Chemistry from Bench to Market”.

Mister President-Elect and fellow Councilors, this concludes my report.

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Report from the Committee on Divisional Activities

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ACS Council Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC)

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- Promoting Diversity, Inclusion and Respect
- Removing Systemic Barriers within ACS Committees
- Division Allocation Formula
- UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- Membership 2.0
- Future Council Representation
- Committee on Technician Affairs
- Amendments to the Standing Rules
- Innovative Project Grant applications



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Thank you to the Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group and Participating Divisions!



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The banner features a central text 'MOVING CHEMISTRY FROM BENCH TO MARKET' in bold yellow letters. Surrounding the text are various white line-art icons connected by dashed and solid lines, representing a scientific process flow. The icons include a lightbulb (idea), safety goggles and gloves (lab safety), a flask with a reaction (chemistry), a globe (global impact), a microscope and test tubes (analysis), and a factory (manufacturing). The background is a solid purple color.