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Committee Name	Committee Description	Details on Student Engagement
Colloquium Committee (25-26 Faculty Chair: Chris McKee) STUDENTS ALREADY ASSIGNED	Conducts outreach to faculty, postdocs and students to solicit names of potential speakers. Selects and notifies speakers within the established budget. Faculty committee members are each assigned hosting duties for out of town speakers. This committee chair reports up to the VC for Faculty Affairs	Graduate student representation. Expect regularly scheduled meetings. Students can elect to co-host visitors.
Service Course Committee (25-26 Faculty Chair Adrian Lee	Regular meetings are essential for the oversight and proper management of ongoing service courses throughout the semester. This committee chair reports up to the VC for Instruction	Undergraduate student representation. Expect regularly scheduled meetings
Major Curriculum Committee (25-26 Faculty Chair Ori Ganor)	Regular meetings are essential for the oversight and proper management of ongoing physics major courses throughout the semester. This committee chair reports up to the VC for Instruction	Undergraduate Representation. Expect regularly scheduled meetings
111 Course Committee (25-26 Faculty Chair Bill Holzapfel and Vicky Xu)	Oversight over the 111 lab course. This committee reports up to the VC for Instruction.	Undergraduate liaison to partner with faculty liaison, as needed. Meetings may not be regularly scheduled.
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (25-26 Faculty Chair Raul Briceno)	The DEI Committee is responsible for townhall discussions, by constituency, for undergrad and grad students; the encouragement of postdoc community building; the bi-annual climate survey and subsequent reporting out. This committee reports up to the Director of Administration.	Undergraduate and graduate student representatives on DEI are given first right of refusal to become one of our four Diversity Coordinators. We offer a \$350 stipend each semester for the role. Responsibilities might include: Organize town hall meetings (a minimum of one) each semester to ensure regular communication between the departments and the student body. Publicize, host and brief administration on topics to be covered

		Conduct any needed surveys (in collaboration with administration); Help us keep our strategic plan tracker updated. Any ideas you may have, especially if they line up with our strategic plans.
Graduate Student Recruitment (25-26 Faculty Chair Shimon Kolkowitz)	This committee's main charge is to ensure adequate faculty participation and especially group representation at the recruitment dinner and poster session which takes place in Spring Semester. Other possible topics to explore: 1) Determine geographic areas of opportunity. How do diverse applicants hear about us? 2) Explore undergrad scholarship programs and similar programs at HBCUs; 3) Ask faculty to share contacts they might have at universities around the country.	Graduate student representation. Expect regularly scheduled meetings in Spring Semester only. Primary duties include supporting the planning and implementation of Grad Open House, with a few outreach events in the fall semester.
Lab and Building Safety Liaisons (25-26 Safety Liaison Zi Qiu)	Our faculty safety liaison considers safety concerns as they arise, and participates in advance disaster planning.	Graduate student liaison to partner with faculty liaison, as needed. Meetings will be scheduled as needed.
Graduate Curriculum Committee (25-26 Chair > Chair TBD)	Committee will be implementing the plan of the 24/25 Grad Curriculum Task Force.	Graduate representation. Expect regularly scheduled meetings.
Faculty Searches (Search Committee Chairs Vary)	Faculty recruitment to be undertaken in Fall and Spring 25-26. Publicize, host visits to campus. Possible search in 25-26: 1. Soft Condensed Matter 2. AMO Theory 3. Theory Open Search	Graduate student representation only, on each committee. Student search committee participation guide can be found here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EvDo5yoCHYuBzeoSZZ7zZn4B0pOkZ5OR2K3ZJdl_zSE/edit
Peer Mentor: International Visiting Programs	Our new Berkeley Experience and Training in Advanced Physics (BETA Physics) Program is a certificate non-degree program which hosts visiting students from around the country and the world to provide them with an opportunity to study advanced graduate level physics at UC Berkeley for one or two semesters.	Undergraduate student mentors to be assigned as are available. This would be an opportunity to host/peer mentor a student visiting UC Berkeley.

