

**RULES COMMITTEE
2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT**

TO THE MERCED DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

In academic year 2005-2006 the Rules Committee performed its business via teleconference and e-mail which has proven to be an efficient method for conducting the business brought before this committee. The committee received and responded to the following requests:

Amendment of Merced Division Bylaw I.3.A and 3.B

The proposed amendment would clarify that the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Division Council may not, at his or her discretion, sit on the Committee on Academic Personnel when personnel cases are discussed.

Amendment to Merced Division Bylaw I.4.A.2

This amendment would change the composition of the Division Council to include the Chair of the Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP).

Justification: CAP's expertise in matters of general policy on academic personnel, including salary scales, appointments and promotion, and other matters related to the quality of the faculty, will be useful to Division Council discussions. (CAP, or its equivalent, currently sits on seven of our nine sister campuses.)

Amendment to Merced Division Bylaw III.1.A.

This amendment would explicitly require each Bylaw 55 unit to have written voting procedures on file with the Senate Office.

Justification: It has come to the attention of the Committee on Privilege and Tenure that not all of Merced's Bylaw 55 voting units have in place written statements of voting procedures agreed upon by the faculty. This situation invites grievances by faculty members who believe that their voting rights have been infringed.

Amendment to Merced Division Bylaw III.2.B.2

This amendment would make clear the original intent of the Bylaw language that the designated title holders are *ex officio*, non-voting members of the Faculty of each School.

Amendment to Merced Division Bylaws I.3.A; I.4.B.2; and II.3.A

For clarity, where not currently noted in the Bylaws (three instances specified above), the term *ex officio*, will specify that members are voting members.

These items were approved by Rules and the Division Council as well as the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction. They were ratified at the May 4, 2006 Division Meeting of the Merced Academic Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

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