

## **RULES AND ELECTIONS 2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **TO THE MERCED DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:**

#### **I. MEMBERSHIP**

This year, the membership of the Rules and Election Committee (discipline noted in brackets) included Martha Conklin (co-chair, hydrology), Daniel Simmons (co-chair, Law, UCD), Jean Olson (medicine, UCSF) and Teenie Matlock (cognitive psychology).

#### **II. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

Rules prepares and reports to the Division, or to any of its Faculties, such changes and additions to their Bylaws and Regulations as it deems advisable; Formally supervises all changes and additions to the Bylaws and Regulations proposed by other committees or by individuals; Edits and publishes the Manual of the Merced Division at such intervals as it deems expedient; and Determines whether a person meets the conditions for membership in the Division.

In academic year 2006-2007 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.

#### **III. RULINGS**

The committee received and responded to the following proposed Bylaw and Regulation changes:

- Define Academic Probation and Dismissal: Minimum Progress-Quantitative Standards.
- Change the number of days required for members to be noticed from days of instruction to calendar days.
- Expand current Bylaw language to provide comprehensive guidelines for student representatives.
- For members of the Committee on Academic Personnel, change the term start date to September 1 and term to three years.
- Include designation of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.
- Consistent with existing Variance, include the grade notation of (W).
- Change Academic Divisions to Schools (Editorial).
- Update Probation/Dismissal Regulation language to be consistent with Catalog.
- Proposed amendment to Systemwide Senate Bylaw 205, UCR&J.
- New policy defining Honors at Graduation.

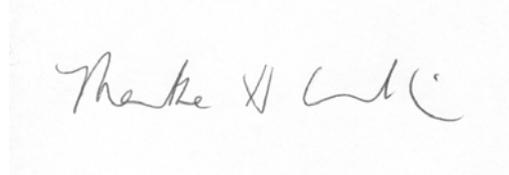
With the exception of proposed Regulation 75, a new policy defining Honors at Graduation, all items were approved, considered and approved by the Senate faculty and, where appropriate, forwarded for systemwide approval.

The University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) offered refinements to Regulation 75 and the revised language was returned to the faculty in May for a vote. With unanimous campus support, the revised language was again forwarded to UCEP, approved, and now awaits approval of the Academic Council and the Assembly of the Academic Senate.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

The Chair wishes to thank all members for the effort, quality and graciousness of their service. The Chair and all RC members wish especially to thank Nancy Clarke, first, for her good humor and second, for her expert, consistent, and timely advice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martha Conklin", is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

Martha Conklin, Chair, Engineering  
Daniel L. Simmons, Vice Chair, UC Davis  
Jean Olson, UC San Francisco  
Teenie Matlock, SSHA