

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)**March 21, 2017****4:00-5:00 PM KL 326****Documents available at: [UCM Box](#)**

- I. **Chair's Report - Lin Tian**
 - a. Updates from Division Council

- II. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of the January 27, 2017 minutes pg. 3
 - b. Approval of the March 21, 2017 agenda

- III. **CRE reference document on voting rights – Peter Vanderschraaf**
 - a. Discuss any updates to the drafted faculty voting rights document from Chair Tian and Vice Chair Davila.

- IV. **[Call for Nominations for membership to Committee on Committees and At-large members](#)**
 - a. **Background:** On March 6, CoC was asked to for assistance in identifying one additional CoC nominee and two additional At-Large Member nominees for the ballot. Access to the election ballot will be made available on March 27, 2017, and the election will close April 3, 2017.
 - b. **Action:** CRE to discuss the status of the election and any updates received from CoC.

- V. **[Proposal for a Reserve Committee on Academic Personnel \(CAP\)](#)**
 - a. **Background:** Division Council has unanimously approved a proposal to establish a Reserve Committee on Academic Personnel (RCAP) for reviewing case files on current or former CAP members, and appeals by faculty members. The Senate Office has compiled additional background information from other UC's, provided in the link above.
 - b. **Action:** CRE to discuss the process by which such a committee would be empaneled and send their comments to the Senate Chair.

- VI. **Committee Review Items**
 - a. **[Guide to Senate Committee Membership & Executive Session](#)**
 - i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on a draft *Guide to Senate Committee Membership and the Purpose and Practice of Executive Session*, to establish a common reference regarding fundamental aspects of Senate committee membership and function.
 - ii. **Action:** CRE sends comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 24, 2017.

 - b. **[Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System \(UAS\) Policy](#)**
 - i. **Background:** This policy establishes minimum standards for the safe use and operation of UAS and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS), including drones and model aircraft, at any University location or at any authorized University activity. COR and GC are lead committees for this review.
 - ii. **Action:** CRE sends comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2017.

- c. **Proposal for a Major in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies**
 - i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comments on a Proposal for a Major in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies. UGC and CAPRA are lead committees for this review. The UGC *Policy for the Review and Approval of Undergraduate Degree Programs* is available [here](#) to assist discussion.
 - ii. **Action:** CRE sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

- d. **Proposal for an English Honors Program**
 - i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comments on a *Proposal for English Honors Program*. UGC is the lead committee for this review.
 - ii. **Action:** CRE sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

- e. **Proposal for UCM GE Program**
 - i. **Background:** UGC Chair Zanzucchi has requested comments on a Proposal for a UC Merced General Education Program. This proposal addresses the elements typically expected in a proposal for a new undergraduate program. Per UGC, the assessment plan (page 18) is currently being more fully developed, and a revised plan will be submitted to UGC by April 5. UGC, CAPRA, and GC are lead committees on this review.
 - ii. **Action:** CRE sends comments to ge@ucmerced.edu by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

- f. **Proposal for a Minor in Management Analytics and Decision-Making**
 - i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comments on a Proposal for a Minor in Management Analytics and Decision-Making. UGC and CAPRA are the lead committees for this review.
 - ii. **Action:** CRE sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

VII. Other Business