

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)**January 27, 2017****11:00-12:00 PM KL 326****Documents available at: [UCM Box](#)**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Rules and Elections met at 11:06 AM on January 27, 2017 in Room 326 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Lin Tian presiding.

I. Chair's Report - Lin Tian

- a. Division Council meetings – December 15, 2016 and January 19, 2017
 - i. December 15, 2016 - Member Vanderschraaf
 1. CRE's response to the [Draft Definition of Student Success](#) review raised concerns that were also raised by another committee, and this topic will require further review and discussion by DivCo.
 - ii. January 19, 2017 - Vice Chair Davila
 1. The Senate Chair remarked on the eloquent response by CRE regarding the committee's response to policies.

II. Consent Calendar

- a. The December 2, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.
- b. The January 27, 2017 agenda was approved as presented.

III. CRE reference document on voting rights – Peter Vanderschraaf

- a. The current draft is 50% complete, with Chair Tian assigned to draft the document section regarding the limitations on case participation and voting, and Vice Chair Davila assigned to draft the portion regarding alternative faculty tracks.
- b. Chair Tian will also provide additional content for the background section of the document, adding information about why this document is being written.
- c. A question was asked about a source of information to use for this document, and the Chair referred to the MAPP, as well as the CRE discussion from last year.

IV. [Call for Nominations for membership to Committee on Committees and At-large members](#)

- a. Members reviewed the draft call for nominees, and approved the addition of a third At-Large Member to Division Council, due to the total number of Senate faculty and per Division Bylaw [Part I. Title IV. 1. B.](#)
- b. Language on the nominating petition would be changed to "The At-Large Member nominee receiving the highest plurality of votes will be declared elected for a two year term."

V. Systemwide Review Items

- a. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 630.D](#)
 - i. CRE had no comments on this proposal, but welcomed a review by UGC for an undergraduate education standpoint, including graduation considerations. CRE would support UGC if they endorsed the proposed revisions to this Senate Regulation.
- b. [Proposed Revised G-28 Travel Regulations](#)
 - i. CRE had no comments on this topic.

VI. Campus Review Items**a. UC Merced Policy for Access to Student Data**

- i. CRE had no comments on this topic.

b. Revised Report from the Task Force on University Honors

- i. Along with some typos in the document, CRE had concerns about the impact to the teaching load upon faculty who would be supporting such an Honors program. The committee would like a clear statement on whether non-senate faculty may participate in the program, noting that tenure-track faculty should be given priority.

VII. Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Attest:

Lin Tian, CRE Chair