

**Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 21, 2016**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Rules and Elections met at 11:06 AM on October 21, 2016 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Lin Tian presiding.

**I. Chair's Report**

Regarding the Division Council meeting held on October 20, 2016, Chair Tian reported that Provost Peterson was in attendance, and discussed three topics: 1) getting faculty input on the new buildings of the 2020 Project, 2) change of structure for schools, designating departments from Bylaw 55 units. This item generated discussion among the committee members, where there has been historical pressure against this change, with the intent of keeping UC Merced as an interdisciplinary university, and establishing departments would be a move against this. The third topic of discussion from the Provost had to do with cluster hiring, where the Provost is asking for input from the faculty about this subject.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- a. The September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- b. The October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**III. CRE reference document on voting rights – Peter Vanderschraaf**

Member Vanderschraaf provided a summary of the issues that arose last academic year. The most recurring issue was with regard to voting rights on personnel cases, and CRE had certain recommendations that were provided. The most controversial recommendation had to do with the “at or above” rule, where the recommendation was made that only eligible people at or above the rank should participate in a personnel case. The second issue was that anyone may vote at most once on a personnel case. The third issue had to do with no minimum threshold number voting on a case, and CRE recommended units explicitly establishing such a number for their own reference. The fourth and final issue was voting asymmetry between lecture faculty and ladder faculty.

With regard to a timeline for completion of this reference document, Chair Tian is happy to contribute in whatever way she can to limit the burden on member Vanderschraaf, who will draft a document on one of the four items above to start the process. This draft can then be used as a guide for the rest of the committee to work on the other three items.

**IV. Systemwide Review Items**

- a. Draft New Presidential Policy on International Activities
  - i. CRE has no comments on this issue.
- b. Proposed revisions to APM 015, APM 016, and Senate Bylaw 336
  - i. CRE sent their comments to the Senate Chair.
- c. Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 182 – UCIE
  - i. This item will be discussed via email.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Attest:

Lin Tian, CRE Chair