

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)
Minutes of Meeting
December 2, 2016

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Rules and Elections met at 11:06 AM on December 2, 2016 in Room 324 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Lin Tian presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Regarding the Meeting of the Division held on October 20, 2016, Chair Tian reported that Provost Peterson was in attendance, and discussed three topics:

II. Consent Calendar

- a. The October 21st meeting minutes were approved as presented.
- b. The November 28th meeting agenda was approved as presented.

III. CRE reference document on voting rights – Peter Vanderschraaf

Member Vanderschraaf provided a draft copy, and a status update for this document, having already drafted two sections. Two additional sections, and a preamble, remain to be drafted, and Chair Tian and Vice Chair Davila will assist with these. The two remaining sections are in regard to the “one person, one vote” rule, and the asymmetry section.

IV. Campus Review Item

a. Draft Definition of Student Success

i. CRE identified the following three points to be sent to the Senate Chair:

- 1.** The phrase “small public research university” should be replaced in a manner that projects UC Merced as a standard research university to cope with the mission of building UC Merced,
- 2.** The draft should specify between undergraduate and graduate students, as graduate student success is mainly assessed by their research achievements,
- 3.** The CRE has reservations about making a commitment in the definition to a specific methodology for assessing student success, and would prefer to keep the opportunity to change the method of assessment at a future date.

V. Systemwide Review Items

a. Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 182 – UCIE

i. CRE had no comments.

b. Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Policy

i. CRE had no comments.

c. Presidential Nondiscrimination Policy and APM 015

i. CRE had no comments.

d. Presidential Policy on Establishing and Maintaining Presidential Policies

i. CRE identified the following points to be sent to the Senate Chair:

- 1.** Is an Interim Policy, at the end of six months, automatically renewed, or must it go through the Policy Advisory Committee and the Policy Steering Committee to approve renewal? Also, at the end of the term, if an Interim Policy is to be stopped, does it abide by the rescission procedure?
- 2.** What is the relation between the Responsible Officer and other titles such as the Policy Owner, Policy Advisory Committee, and Policy Steering Committee? Specifically, what is the distinction between the Responsible Officer and the Policy Owner?

3. Who has the authority to develop a Presidential Policy?
4. Other than the Policy Owner, who else can update the policy?
5. A suggestion was made to have a comprehensive policy review completed every six years to coincide with the technical review, and explicitly every five years since the last major revision.

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

Attest:

Lin Tian, CRE Chair