

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS
ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

To the Merced Division of the Academic Senate:

In academic year 2022-2023, the Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) conducted business via videoconference and email with respect to its duties as outlined in UCM [Senate Bylaw II.III.8](#).

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) issues formal Legislative Rulings to resolve disputes or clear up ambiguities regarding Senate authority, procedures, or jurisdiction. Legislative Rulings are binding unless modified by subsequent legislation or action from the Board of Regents. CRE also (i) prepares and reports to the Division, or to any of its Faculties, such changes and additions to their Bylaws and Regulations proposed by other committees or by individuals; (ii) edits and publishes the Manual of the Merced Division at such intervals as it deems expedient; (iii) determines whether a person meets the conditions for membership in the Division and (iv) supervises all Senate Elections.

The Chair of CRE also serves as the [Division Secretary/Parliamentarian](#).

This report summarizes CRE's work for AY 22-23.

Elections

The first Call for Nominations for four positions on the [Committee on Committees](#) (CoC) and two At-Large members of the [Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) was distributed to Senate members on January 10, 2023.

Complete nomination forms were due to the Senate Office by January 24, 2023. In the absence of a sufficient number of nominations, CRE requested the assistance of CoC in identifying additional nominees to fill the ballot. The Election ballots were distributed on April 19, 2023. The ballot closed on April 27, 2023. Results [were announced](#) on April 28, 2023.

Elected Members of the [Committee on Committees](#) for two-year terms

- Professor Laura Beaster-Jones, School of Natural Sciences
- Professor Tyler Marghetis, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
- Professor Lisa Yeo, School of Engineering
- Professor Maria-Elena Young, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

Elected [Divisional Council](#) At-Large Members

- Professor Matt Hibbing, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (one-year term)

- Professor Muey Saeteurn, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (two-year term)

Campus Review Items

- School of Engineering Proposal to Establish an Electrical Engineering Department
- School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Proposal to Establish a Philosophy Department
- Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Economics and Business Management Department
- Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the Sociology Department
- Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the School of Engineering
- Interim Procedure on Assurance of Lab Safety Compliance
- Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulation 1.2.C-Repetition of Courses (approved at the May 15 Meeting of the Division and implemented on June 25, 2023)
- APO's Request for Guidance re: Bylaw 55
- APO's Request for review of Departments' Voting Procedures
- Honors Program

The campus Honors Program, effective Fall 24, was approved by the UCM Senate Faculty on June 2, 2023 (144 in favor, 29 opposed, 6 abstentions). Parliamentarian Viney certified the result of the vote.

Systemwide Review Items

CRE reviewed and transmitted comments on the following items:

- Proposed Revisions to APM-210, Review and Appraisal Committees
- Proposed Revisions to APM-710, Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Anti-Discrimination
- Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on Abusive Conduct
- Entry-Level Requirement Task Force Report and Recommendations
- Proposed Amendments to Systemwide Senate Regulations Governing Undergraduate Admission
- Proposed Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC)
- Presidential Policy on Developing and Maintaining Policies
- Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulation 630, (Clarifies the residency prerequisite for an undergraduate Bachelor's degree)

Respectfully submitted,

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