

[Committee on Rules and Elections](#) (CRE)

Agenda

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

3:00-4:00pm

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- I. **Chair's Report – Christopher Viney – 5 min**
 - A. DivCo Updates
 - B. Meeting of the Division, Thursday, December 12, 3:00-4:30pm, in KL 232
 - C. Confirm [CRE Spring Meeting Schedule](#)
- II. **Consent Calendar – 5 min**
 - A. Approval of the Agenda
 - B. Approval of the [October 30 Meeting Minutes](#)
- III. **Discussion: General Education and Vote on the Proposed Permanent Bylaws for the Program – 10 min**
- IV. **UCM Bylaws related to the Senate Elections – 10 min**

This item was discussed at the last CRE meeting. A summary of the proposed actions is provided below and is available in the October 30 meeting minutes (hyperlinked above).

[Bylaw I.III.5.B](#) states the following:

“Before February 1 each year, the Secretary will initiate the election of the Divisional Representatives. Election of Divisional Representatives will be by ballot in accordance with Bylaw Part II. Title III. 3. C. **If the total number of nominations received is not equal to at least twice the number of positions to be filled, the Committee on Committees will make nominations, if any, up to at least the number of positions to be filled.**”

Last year, the number of nominations received did not meet the requirements of the aforementioned Bylaw. Therefore, the deadline for submitting nominations was extended twice and CRE could not fill the minimum number of nominations to have a complete ballot. As a result, the Committee on Committees was asked to fill the vacant seats.

Members discussed this topic at their last meeting and agreed to the following steps:

- Producing a CRE memo to DivCo alerting DivCo members to what the Bylaws actually state.
- Using the memo as a guidance for the future Bylaw amendments in the Spring.
- Proposing Bylaw amendments at the Spring 2020 Meeting of the Division.
- Implementation of the Bylaw amendments for next year's Election cycle (AY 2020-2021).

Actions Requested:

- Continue Discussion.
- Chair Viney and Fatima Paul will draft the memo and prepare the Bylaw amendments.
- The final CRE memo and Bylaw proposal will be considered by DivCo on December 18, 2019.

V. Campus Review Items – 15 min**A. [Climate Change Resolution](#) – Chair Viney**

Professor Roger Bales and his colleagues involved with UC's Carbon Neutrality Initiative, Global Climate Leadership Council, "California Collaborative for Climate Change Solutions", and "Bending the Curve" initiated discussions with the systemwide Academic Council on a formal statement on UC's role in climate solutions. They have drafted this resolution for approval by the Merced Division on December 12, 2019 before submitting to Academic Council to consider for systemwide adoption.

Actions:

- CRE members will review lead reviewer's memo **via email**.
- CRE's comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Monday, December 2, 2019**.

B. Proposed Revisions to [UC Merced Regulation II.2.A-Residency Requirement](#)

The Office of the Registrar is requesting that the Senate review a proposal to align the UC Merced Residency Requirement with [Systemwide Senate Regulation 630](#). The UCM Regulation is currently less restrictive than the systemwide Regulation

A description of this request is available [here](#).

Actions:

- Identify one CRE lead reviewer.
- CRE members will review lead reviewer's comments **via email**.
- CRE's comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**.

C. [UGC Proposal for a Stand-Alone Admissions and Financial Aid Committee](#)

The proposal was discussed at the November 19 UGC meeting and was approved on November 22, 2019.

Action: Members discuss the proposal and determine next steps.

VI. Systemwide Review Item – 5 min**A. [Proposed revisions to APM 120 - Emerita/Emeritus Titles](#)**

These changes are being proposed in order to conform to [Regents Policy 1203: Policy on Emerita/Emeritus Title Suffix](#).

The major revisions are:

- Gender inclusive title suffix
- Criteria for the recommendation of non-tenured Senate faculty
- Disqualification criteria
- New subsection for Deans and Faculty Administrators

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- Definition of “retirement” for Savings Choice participants
- Clarification of curtailment authority
- Rescission and incorporation of Appendix A (the previous Appendix A documents relating to space resource allocation are proposed for rescission, as the key principles of the documents have been incorporated into the policy text in APM - 120-80-d).

Actions Requested:

- Identify one CRE lead reviewer.
- CRE members will review lead reviewer’s comments **via email**.
- CRE’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Monday, January 27, 2019**.

VII. Other Business? – 10 min