

Proposed Bylaw Changes (1)

GRC split into two new standing committees: Graduate Council and Committee on Research.

Reasoning: Workload, recruitment, focused agenda on closely related matters

Graduate Council Membership:

“This Committee consists of at least six Senate members and one graduate student representative. The Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education serves as ex officio.”

Duties: graduate education, graduate programs and courses, graduate program review, graduate funding and awards, graduate teaching awards, student affairs

Research Membership:

“This Committee consists of at least five members who may be members of any Division of the Academic Senate. The Vice Chancellor of Research serves as ex officio.”

Duties: faculty grants and prizes, planning and budget as relevant to research, O/CRU reviews, library policy and administration, research safety

Proposed Bylaw Changes (2)

Expanding duties of Faculty Welfare into Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom.

Reasoning: Expanding role of FW by addressing crucial topics, establishing consistency with other campuses (who have standing committees on these important topics)

Membership:

“This Committee is composed of at least five members of the Merced Division. The committee’s membership also includes the Vice Provost for Faculty serving as exofficio It is preferable that members of this committee have previously served, but do not currently serve, on the Privilege and Tenure Committee.”

Duties: representatives for Systemwide Committees (FW, UCAAD, UCAF), welfare (salaries, benefits, etc.), initiates studies on related matters (welfare, equity, diversity, ...), acts on behalf of the division on matters of diversity in general in reference to underrepresented groups, advises on matters within and beyond the university on matters related to academic freedom

Proposed Bylaw Changes (3)

Changing membership of CAPRA, removing Vice Chairs of GRC/UGC, and adding representatives from Schools.

Reasoning: Workload issues on GRC/UGC, drawing closer ties to School matters crucial in CAPRA deliberation

Membership:

“This committee consists of at least six Senate members and two student members: a Chair, a Vice Chair, the Vice Chair of the Division, one Senate representative from each School, one graduate student representative, and one undergraduate student representative. The Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget serves as ex officio,. Senate membership should include broad representation from schools and academic programs.”

Proposed Bylaw Changes (4)

Expanding membership of Division Council to include the chairs of the two split GRC committees (Graduate Council / Research), and include the chair of Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom.

Reasoning: All these Senate committees serve crucial roles in the success and work climate of the University.

Membership:

“The Chair and the Vice Chair of the Division, who are also Chair and Vice Chair of the Divisional Council, and Chairs of the following Committees:

1. Academic Personnel
2. Academic Planning and Resource Allocation
3. Committees
4. Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom
5. Graduate Council
6. Research
7. Undergraduate Council

B. At-Large members elected by the Division. There will be one at-large member per hundred Senate members or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of nine at-large members.

C. The Secretary of the Division serves as non-voting secretary to the Council.”