

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

Agenda

Wednesday, January 09, 2019
10:00-11:30am – KL 326

- I. **Chair’s Report** – *Christopher Viney*
 - A. DivCo Meeting (12/11)

- II. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. January 9 Agenda
 - B. Minutes from the [November 29](#) and [December 10](#) Meetings

- III. **Election 2019-2020**
 - A. Spring Senate Election
Per [Bylaw.II.III.7.2.8](#). CRE “Supervises all elections of the Division”. This Spring, the Senate will need to designate four Senate faculty to serve on the Committee on Committees and two At-Large Members on the Divisional Council.

Action Requested: CRE Members are asked to 1) Approve the proposed [election timeline. 2\)](#)
Approve the [Call for Nominations](#).

- IV. **Matters Arising**

- V. **Campus Review Items**
 - A. [Revised Recommended Voting Policies in Academic Personnel Cases](#) – *Chair Viney*
The proposed guidelines were discussed at November 29th and December 10th CRE meetings. It was agreed that Chair Viney will work on revisions during the winter break. This will be followed by a consultation with the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom and the Committee for Diversity and Equity.

Proposed Actions:
 - a) CRE discusses proposed revised guidelines and revise further as relevant.
 - b) CRE determines next steps.

 - B. [Policy for the Establishment of New Schools/Colleges](#) – *Vice Chair Anna Song*
The proposed [Policy for the Establishment of New Schools/Colleges](#). The policy establishes campus-level procedures for the development and review of proposals for new schools or colleges together with a standard proposal format. In doing so, it functions as a companion to the [Compendium](#) (p.18), which outlines the policy and procedure at the system level.

Action Requested: Members discuss the proposed revisions and Vice Chair’s comments. CRE’s comments on the policy are due to DivCo by January 16, 2019.

 - C. [Proposal to Change Name of Social Sciences and Management Academic Unit](#) – *Chair Viney*
The SSM unit seeks to change the program’s name from “Social Sciences and Management” to “Economics and Business Management” to better reflect the content of the reorganized program’s research and teaching. Feedback from committees will be consideration by DivCo at its February 20, 2019 meeting.

Action Requested: Members discuss the proposed revisions to the program name and send comments to DivCo by February 13, 2019.

- D. [Proposal to Change Title from L\(P\)SOE to Teaching Professor](#) – *Christine Isborn*
The proposed policy seeks to change the title of Lecturers (P) with Security of Employment to “Teaching Professor” to reflect their contributions to the campus community.

Action Requested: Members are to discuss member Osborn’s comments. Committee’s comments are due to DivCo by February 13, 2019.

VI. Upcoming SysReview Items (will be on the Feb 13 agenda)
Systemwide

- A. [Second Review of Proposed Presidential Policy for Open Access for Theses and Dissertations](#) – Lead TBD

Members are asked to discuss the revised proposed Presidential Policy for Open Access for Theses and Dissertations. The cover letter provides the context for this second, systemwide review of the policy. Graduate Council’s and Divisional Council’s comments during the first review of the policy are here and here. In case it is helpful, Academic Council, Senate divisions, and systemwide committees responses to the first systemwide review of this policy are available here: <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/reports/SW-SC-Open-Access-Theses-Dissertations.pdf>

Action Requested: Members assign a lead reviewer. Reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the February 13 CRE meeting. CRE’s comments are due to DivCo by February 25, 2019.

- B. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336](#) – *Lead Reviewer TBD*

Members are asked to discuss the proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 336 which focuses on the Committee of Privilege and Tenure’s handling of disciplinary cases. Specific changes include the process by which Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence are reviewed.

Action Requested: Members assign a lead reviewer. Reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the February 13 CRE meeting. CRE’s comments are due to DivCo by February 25, 2019.

Campus

- C. [Proposed revisions to Part IV. Section II: Master’s Degree Requirements of the Merced Division Regulations](#) – *Lead Reviewer TBD*

The proposal is to reduce the minimum of units of approved courses required by a master’s degree by comprehensive exam (Plan II) from 30 to 24 and commensurately, to reduce from 24 to 20 the number of units which must be from graduate-level courses in the 200 series. These changes seek to make masters degrees at UC Merced commensurate to those offered at other UC campuses.

Action Requested: Members assign a lead reviewer. Reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the February 13th CRE meeting in time. CRE’s comments are due to DivCo by February 25.

D. [Revisions to the Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session](#) – *Chair Viney*

The Divisional Council reviewed CRE members' comments to the proposed revised policy and sought to address them. The revised policy will be available on the UC Merced Academic Senate website after CRE approval.

Action Requested: Members will discuss item at January 9, 2019 meeting.

VII. Any Other Competent Business