

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

Agenda

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

10:00-11:30am – KL 326

- I. Chair's Report – Christopher Viney** [5 mins]
- A. [DivCo \(2/4\)](#) update
- B. Spring [Senate Election](#) Update
The [Call for Nominations](#) was sent out Monday January 28 to all Senate members. The Nomination due date was revised, per the Chair's approval, to February 11th, rather than the previous date of February 7th to allow for more time to receive nomination forms. The official [Election Timeline](#) can be found on the Senate Website.
- II. Consent Calendar – Chair Viney** [5 mins]
- A. February 13 Agenda
- B. January 9 [Meeting Minutes](#)
- III. Matters Arising** [5 mins]
- IV. Campus Review Items**
- A. [Revised Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](#)– Chair Viney [10 mins]
The Divisional Council reviewed CRE members' comments to the proposed revised principles and sought to address them.
- Requested Action:** Members discuss the Academic Senate's response, and agree on proposed revisions. If endorsed, DivCo will be notified and the principles will be placed on the Academic Senate website following the February 13th meeting.
- B. [Proposed revisions to Master's Degree Requirements](#) – Anna Song [10 mins]
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. CRE is a lead reviewer on this item.
- Action Requested:** Members discuss Vice Chair Song's comments and vote on item. CRE's comments are due to DivCo by February 25.
- C. [Proposed Major in Economics B.S.](#) – Lead TBD [5 mins]
The School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) has approved the proposal to create the undergraduate Major in Economics B.S by Social Science and Management (Economics) faculty. This major would be distinct from the already-established B.A. in Economics, in that there would be a substantive focus on quantitative analysis and preparation for employment in the public and private sectors as well as for advanced graduate study. CRE is not a lead reviewer and may decline to opine.
- Requested Action:** Members discuss the proposal and decide whether to opine. If opining, the lead reviewer will be identified. CRE's comments are due to DivCo by February 22, 2019.

D. [Proposed Psychological Science Honors Program](#) – *Lead TBD* [5 min]

The School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) has proposed an Honors Program for the Psychological Science undergraduate major, and seeks to provide an important learning Opportunity for particularly motivated undergraduate psychology students. CRE is not a lead reviewer and may decline to opine.

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposal and decide whether to opine. If opining, the lead reviewer will be identified. CRE's comments are due to DivCo by February 22, 2019.

E. [Draft Charge Enrollment Strategy Committee](#) – *Lead TBD* [5 min]

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Gregg Camfield asks the Senate to review the charge of the Enrollment Strategy Committee. Their efforts will set overall strategy in undergraduate admissions and retention and specifically work within campus and systemwide planning parameters and policy to recommend five-year goals and annual targets. CRE is not a lead reviewer and may decline to opine.

Requested Action: Members discuss the proposed charge and decide whether to opine. If opining, the lead reviewer will be identified. CRE's comments are due to DivCo by February 26, 2019.

F. [Proposed Space Planning Documents \(2\)](#) – *Lead TBD* [5 min]

EVC/Provost Camfield has requested that the Senate review the two proposed space planning documents as part of its formal consultation on the matter. This process includes “the Office of Space Planning’s Role in the Faculty Hiring process” and process diagram/map to jointly describe the process by which the Office of Space Planning can align and support the faculty hiring process. CRE is not a lead reviewer and may decline to opine.

Requested Action: Members discuss documents and whether to opine. CRE's comments are due to DivCo by March 11, 2019.

V. **Systemwide Review Items**A. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336](#) – *Christine Isborn* [10 min]

Members are asked to discuss the proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 336 which focus on the Committee on Privilege and Tenure’s handling of disciplinary cases. Specific changes include the process by which Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence are reviewed. CRE is a lead reviewer on this item.

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

B. [Second Review of Policy for Open Access for Theses and Dissertations](#) – *Lead TBD* [5 min]

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>

CRE is not a lead reviewer on this item and may elect to not opine.

Action Requested: Members discuss item and decide whether to opine. CRE’s comments are due to DivCo by February 25, 2019.

VI. Informational Items

- 1/29 – Academic Senate transmitted to the Vice President of Human Resources [a request from UCFW and its Task Force on Investment and Retirement \(TFIR\)](#) for the University to add Roth 403(b) and 457(b) plans as investment options for the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan in the UC Retirement Savings.

VII. Any Other Competent Business