

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

## Agenda

Monday, December 11, 2023

1:00pm – 2:30pm

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A. Today's agenda

B. [November 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes](#)**Requested Action:** Approval of the Consent Calendar.**II. Chair's Report – Christopher Viney {1:05-1:15pm}**A. Updates from [Divisional Council](#) Meeting (November 30)**III. [Proposed Revisions to Reserve CAP \(RCAP\) Bylaws](#) – All {1:15-1:25pm}**

In response to CRE's ruling regarding the interpretation of [Senate Bylaw II. III. 2. A.](#), RCAP proposed revisions to its Bylaws. The proposed revisions in track changes can be found [here](#).

To summarize, RCAP proposes the following revisions:

- 1) Membership requirements be the same as those for CAP.
- 2) RCAP members preferably have previous CAP service. RCAP appreciates the difficult task that the Committee on Committee faces in populating the committee, so we chose to word the language as "preferably".

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss proposed revisions and vote.**IV. [GC's proposed amendments to Senate Regulation I.1.E \(Passed/Not Passed\) and Senate Regulation III.1.A.d \(Satisfactory Progress – P/NP\)](#) – Chair Viney {1:25-1:45pm}**

On November 13, UGC [transmitted a memo to CRE](#) proposing amendments to [Senate Regulation Part I, Section 1, E](#) (Passed/Not Passed) and [Senate Regulation I.2.B](#) (Dropping a Course) in light of former VPDUE Frey's proposal for several potential policy modifications to offer opportunities for academic recovery to UC Merced students who may be struggling in their first year.

For consistency, Senate Executive Director Fatima Paul, and subsequently UGC, recommended that GC include language from [Senate Regulation I.1.E](#) - Passed/Not Passed (for undergraduate students) in [Senate Regulation III.1.A.d](#). – Satisfactory Progress - P/NP (for graduate students).

**Links to MS Word versions of the proposed amendments:**

- UGC [Senate Regulation I.1.E](#) (Passed/Not Passed)
- UGC [Senate Regulation I. 2.B](#) (Dropping a Course)
- GC [Senate Regulation I.I.E](#) (Passed/Not Passed)
- GC [Senate Regulation III.1.A.d](#) (Satisfactory Progress)

**Requested Action:** CRE members discuss proposed revisions to Senate Regulations and vote if there is consensus.

V. [\*\*Proposed Policy on Conflict of Interest \(COI\) with Course Material Selection when the Instructor is the Author – Chair Viney {1:45-1:55pm}\*\*](#)

LASC’s comments are appended to the policy (hyperlinked above). UGC reviewed LASC’s comments and agreed that no further revisions to the policy were necessary. The policy was endorsed by UGC on November 9.

**Requested Action:** CRE members endorse the proposed policy.

VI. **Systemwide Review Item – Chair Viney {1:55-2:05pm}**

- A. Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Use of University Vehicles
- [Memo from Kevin Confetti, Associate Vice President & Chief Risk Officer](#)
  - [Revised Policy](#) (tracked changes copy)
  - [Revised Policy](#) (clean copy)

The policy applies to the use of any UC vehicle (owned or leased) and any personal vehicle used in the course of UC business. This policy was distributed for systemwide review in November 2018, but was not finalized. 2018-2019 Senate comments from that review are available [here](#) (UCM’s comments are on pp 7-14). Comments from that review have been incorporated into this proposed draft.

Key revisions:

- Change policy name from “Use of University Vehicles” to “Use of Vehicles and Driver Authorization”.
- Expanded policy summary and definitions.
- Inclusion of the CA Department of Motor Vehicles Negligent Operator Treatment System (NOTS) as a standard for eligibility to drive on behalf of the University.
- Implementation will apply to all drivers on University business – not solely employees.
- Establishment of Vehicle Collision Review Committees to review collisions, determine preventability, and promote driver safety awareness.
- Establishment of guidelines for drivers involved in preventable collisions including training, suspension, and potential revocation of driving privileges.

**Requested Action:** Members to approve CRE’s response <sup>1</sup>(forthcoming).

CRE’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**

**VII. Interdisciplinary Humanities (IH) Bylaw Interpretation – {2:05-2:25pm}**

IH Graduate Group Chair Amussen will introduce her request which is also summarized below.

The IH Graduate Group is in the process of revising its Bylaws to align with the School’s current departmental structure and is seeking clarification regarding the School vote to approve the revisions.

According to the current Bylaws, “Amendments to the By-Laws require approval by two-thirds of the voting members of the group.”

- Does this also apply to a revision of the Bylaws?
- What is meant by “voting members”: Is that all present at the meeting who vote, or who vote by electronic ballot? Or is it 2/3 of all faculty in the group?

➤ [Draft IH Bylaws](#) (with changes tracked)

➤ [Draft IH Bylaws](#) (clean version)

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss CRE’s interpretation and respond to Chair Amussen’s request.

**VIII. Any Other Business {2:25-2:30pm}**

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<sup>1</sup> Members were invited to review a draft memo via email.