

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS (CRE)

## AGENDA

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

1:15pm – 2:45pm

**I. Consent Calendar {1:15-1:20pm}**

- A. Today's agenda
- B. [September 25 Meeting Minutes](#)

**Requested Action:** Approval of the Consent Calendar.

**II. Chair's Report – Jeff Yoshimi {1:20-1:30pm}**

- A. Updates from [Divisional Council](#) Meetings (October 7 and 21)
- B. Upcoming event: Senate and Administration Governance Retreat (October 30, 2024)

**III. Campus and Systemwide Review Items – Chair Yoshimi {1:30-1:45pm}**

- A. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 479 \(Cal-GETC\)](#) (Systemwide)  
The proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 479 address the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). The revisions are provided in tracked changes on page 7 of the document, hyperlinked in the title above.

*CRE is a lead reviewer.*

At the September 25, 2024 CRE meeting Vice Chair Petra agreed to serve as lead reviewer.

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss the proposed revisions and the lead reviewer's comments. If there is a consensus, members vote to approve the [draft memo](#).

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, October 25, 2024**.

- B. [Proposed New Senate Regulation 627 \(Posthumous Awarding of Degrees\)](#) (Systemwide)  
The proposed new Senate Regulation 627 (Posthumous Awarding of Degrees) governs the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to students who pass away before their completion of the degree. Please refer to the memo, hyperlinked in the title above, for background information.

*CRE is a lead reviewer.*

At the September 25, 2024 CRE meeting Member Chandra agreed to serve as lead reviewer.

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss the proposed Senate Regulation and the lead reviewer's comments. If there is a consensus, members vote to approve the [draft memo](#).

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, October 25, 2024**.

- C. [Proposed Revisions to MAPP Sections 2013, 2014, 2053 and 2054](#) (Campus Wide)  
 A [Cover memo from VPAP Hansford](#) includes a brief summary of the proposed revisions.
- MAPP 2013–Appointment for the Professor Series
    - [Clean version](#)
    - [Tracked changes version](#)
  - MAPP 2014–Merit, Promotion, Appraisal Review for the Professor Series
    - [Clean version](#)
    - [Tracked changes version](#)
  - [MAPP 2053-Appointment for the Teaching Professor Series](#) (The entire document has been revised, making a tracked-changes version unnecessary).
  - [MAPP 2054-Merit, Promotion and Appraisal Reviews for the Teaching Professor Series](#) (The entire document has been revised, making a tracked-changes version unnecessary).

*CRE is a lead reviewer.*

At the September 25, 2024 CRE meeting Member Beman agreed to serve as lead reviewer.

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss the proposed revisions and the lead reviewer’s comments.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Monday, October 28, 2024.**

- D. [UC Merced Interim Policy on Expressive Activities and Assembly: Protests, Demonstrations, Non-University Speakers and Signage on Campus and in University Facilities](#) (Campus Wide)  
 Updates align with mandatory directives issued by the UC Office of the President and include:
- Mandatory revisions required by [California State Senate Bill 108, SEC. 219, 34](#) implemented under [UC Merced’s Campus Climate Initiative](#).
  - Technical updates to owner, contact information, and resources.
  - Clarifications around disruptions of a university activity, proximity of activities, signage, unauthorized structures, and consequences.
  - Moved Protest Oversight Group (POG) membership/roles & responsibilities to Appendix.

At the September 25, 2024 CRE meeting Chair Yoshimi agreed to serve as lead reviewer.

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss the policy and the lead reviewer’s comments.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Monday, November 18, 2024.**

#### IV. CRE Priorities AY 24-25 – All {1:45-2:00pm}

A preliminary list of priorities can be found [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members finalize a set of priorities during today’s meeting.

#### V. [Senate Regulation II.3.A \(Academic Probation\)](#) – Chair Yoshimi {2:00-2:05pm}

On June 21, 2024 the Assembly approved amendments to Senate Regulations 900 and 902. UC Merced’s Regulations will need to be aligned with systemwide. The corresponding UCM Senate Regulation is

[Section 3. A. “Academic Probation”](#). The term “probation” in UC Merced’s Regulation should be replaced by “academic notice”.

At the September 25, 2024 CRE meeting, members unanimously voted to approve the proposed amendments to [Senate Regulation II.3.A \(Academic Probation\)](#). A [CRE memo](#) noting CRE’s endorsement was transmitted to the UGC Chair on October 4, 2024.

On October 16, 2024 UGC provided a response to CRE’s memo noting that UGC unanimously approved the proposed amendments to Senate Regulation II.3.A (Academic Probation).

**Requested Action:** CRE to review [UGC’s response](#) and send a memo to the Senate Chair noting that the amendments to [Senate Regulation II.3.A \(Academic Probation\)](#) were approved by both CRE and UGC.

**VI. [Conflict of Interest \(COI\) Policy Revisions](#) – Chair Yoshimi {2:05-2:15pm}**

Senate Executive Director Paul sent a recommendation to Chair Yoshimi that all Senate committees’ Conflict of Interest (COI) policies include gender neutral language. Chair Yoshimi agreed with the recommendation, therefore some Senate committee COI policies were revised accordingly. Revisions can be found in tracked changes in the link above.

**Requested Action:** Members to review the revised COI policies and vote to approve if there is a consensus.

**VII. [Mechanical Engineering \(ME\) Voting Rights](#) – Alex Petersen {2:15-2:30pm}**

*Chair Yoshimi has recused himself from this item.*

The Mechanical Engineering (ME) Department is potentially interested in updating their voting rights and is seeking clarification on the following:

- There are two non-Senate carryover cases from the previous academic year. Per ME’s current, approved voting rights, both tenured and security of employment faculty are eligible to vote on these cases. When the cases were first brought before the department, one of the tenured faculty was on sabbatical and chose to abstain from voting, while another faculty member was in the process of obtaining security of employment. Now, in the new academic year, the first faculty member has returned from sabbatical and the second faculty member has successfully obtained security of employment. If the department were to change their voting rights now, would that apply to those cases that were carried over? Or, if the current rights remain should the two faculty members indicated above abstain or recuse themselves from these cases?
- [Bylaw 55](#) states the following:  
*"Any extensions of the voting privilege under this Article C must remain in effect for at least one calendar year (twelve months); thereafter, any faculty member entitled to a vote on the cases in question under the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 6 of Article B of this Bylaw may request reconsideration."*

Does the campus practice to revisit the voting rights each year and determine whether they will remain, conflict with the Bylaws if it has not been a full 12 months?

At the September 25, 2024 CRE meeting Member Petersen agreed to serve as lead reviewer.

**Requested Action:** Members to discuss and review the lead reviewer’s comments. If there is a consensus, the CRE Analyst will provide a response to Senate ED Paul.

**VIII. Other Business {2:30-2:45pm}**