

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

Agenda

Monday, March 11, 2024

1:00pm – 2:30pm

I. Consent Calendar {1:00-1:05pm}

- A. Today's agenda
- B. [February 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

II. Chair's Report – Christopher Viney {1:05-1:25pm}

- A. Updates from [Divisional Council](#) Meetings ([February 12](#) and February 26)
- B. [Senate Election Results](#)
- C. [Revision to AFAC Bylaws](#)
- D. Update on UGC's proposed amendments to [Senate Regulation I.1.E.](#) (Passed/Not Passed)

III. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw II.III.2.A. \(CAP\)](#) – Chair Viney {1:25-1:40pm}

Per CRE's request on October 25, 2023 and recent ruling, CAP discussed possible revisions to [Senate Bylaw II.III.2.A. – CAP.](#)

CAP's proposed revisions, approved unanimously by the committee, are available in tracked changes [here](#).

Requested Action: CRE members discuss the proposed revisions and vote if there is consensus.

IV. [Implementation of Senate Regulation 630.E](#) – Laura Hamilton, Professor and Chair of Sociology {1:40-2:00pm}

Professor and Chair of Sociology Laura Hamilton is representing UC Merced faculty on the UC Systemwide Taskforce on Online Education and will attend the meeting to introduce this topic.

In February 2023, the Academic Senate adopted Senate Regulation 630.E, which created a “campus experience” requirement that students must complete in order to earn an undergraduate degree, which had the effect of precluding the creation of any fully online undergraduate degrees by campuses and preventing any individual students, with the exception of incarcerated students, from being able to obtain an undergraduate degree by enrolling only in online classes. The campus experience requirement in SR 630.E requires enrollment in a minimum number of units in courses with at least 50 percent in-person instruction.

On February 14, 2024, the Board of Regents rejected the amendment to Senate Regulation 630.E. The video of the full Board's discussion can be found [here](#). The written summary can be found [here](#). A

redacted digest of the Board’s discussion, in the form of a [video memo](#), has been prepared by UCEP Chair Melanie Cocco; it includes Chair Cocco’s informative commentary about the background to the Regulation and the vote.

This item will be introduced during the March 11, 2024 DivCo meeting.

Requested Action: CRE members to discuss the implementation of Senate Regulation 630.E (campus experience requirement) and determine next steps.

V. **Systemwide Review Items – Chair Viney {2:00-2:15pm}**

A. [Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation \(SR\) 424.A.3 Presented by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools \(BOARS\)](#)

The amendment introduces a new requirement for freshman admission to the University (Area H). The amendment to the SR is provided in red font on page 3.

Please refer to the attached memos from Academic Council Chair Steintrager and BOARS Chair Knowlton for background information about this item.

CRE is a lead reviewer.

Chair Viney has agreed to serve as lead reviewer.

Requested Action: Members to approve [draft CRE memo](#).

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **5:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2024**.

B. [Report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Work Group on Students with Disabilities](#)

As noted in the memo from VP Gullatt, this “report is the first-ever, comprehensive record of the experiences and outcomes of students with disabilities at UC”.

Requested Action: Assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer’s comments will be circulated via email by Monday, April 1 and will serve as the basis for CRE’s official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **5:00 pm on Monday, April 8, 2024**.

C. [Proposed Academic Statement on UC Quality \(“Characteristics of Educational Quality at the University of California”\)](#)

This document was prepared by the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP).

Background information is available on the hyperlinked memos from Academic Council Chair Steintrager and UCEP Chair Cocco and the proposed statement is available on pp. 4-5.

Requested Action: Assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer’s comments will be circulated via email by Friday, April 12 and will serve as the basis for CRE’s official response.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **5:00 pm on Friday, April 19, 2024**.

VI. Any Other Business {2:15-2:30pm}