

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS (CRE)

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

1:15pm – 2:45pm

I. Welcome and Introductions {1:15-1:20pm}**II. Consent Calendar {1:20-1:25pm}**

- A. Today's agenda
- B. [CRE's Conflict of Interest \(COI\) Policy¹](#)

Requested Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar.

III. Informational: CRE Resources {1:25-1:35pm}

Members are encouraged to read the information described below prior to the meeting.

A. Duties of CRE

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) advises the Division on proposed legislation and on all matters of organization, jurisdiction, and interpretation of legislation. Upon formal request, CRE issues legislative rulings interpreting the Code of the Merced Division of the Academic Senate. CRE also reviews changes in Bylaws and Regulations submitted to the Divisional Assembly or to a Faculty of the Merced Division, and supervises all elections of the Division. The committee's Bylaws are available [here](#).

B. [Membership](#)

- Jeff Yoshimi, Chair, SSHA
- Noemi Petra, Vice Chair, SNS
- Michael Beman, SNS
- Aditi Chandra, SSHA
- Alex Petersen, SOE

Ex-Officio (non-voting):

- Kevin Mitchell, Senate Chair, SNS
- Courtenay Monroe, Senate Vice Chair, SSHA

C. [Meeting Schedule](#) (Wednesdays, 1:15-2:45pm via Zoom)

- September 25
- October 23
- November 20
- December 4

D. [CRE's Box Site](#) (all internal committee documents will be posted on this site)**E. [CRE's AY 23-24 Annual Report](#)****F. [UCM Bylaws and Regulations](#)**

¹ All Senate Committees are encouraged to review their respective COI policy at their first meeting in the Fall. All Senate Committees COI policies are available on the Senate website: <https://senate.ucmerced.edu/conflict-interest>

- G. [Systemwide Senate Bylaws and Regulations](#)
- H. UCM [Senate Website](#) and Systemwide [Senate Website](#)
- I. UCM [Senate Policies and Procedures](#)
- J. [Principles to Guide the Practice of Executive Session](#)
- K. [Consultation Guidelines](#)
- L. [CoC’s Guide to Populating Academic Senate Committees: Leadership and Membership Commitments](#)

IV. Chair’s Report – Jeff Yoshimi {1:35-1:45pm}

- A. Updates from [Divisional Council](#) Meetings (September 9 and 23)
- B. Upcoming event: Senate and Administration Governance Retreat (October 30, 2024)

V. CRE Priorities AY 24-25 – All {1:45-2:10pm}

CRE’s AY 23-24 priorities are provided [here](#) as a reference.

Requested Action: Members propose and agree on a set of priorities for AY 24-25.

VI. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulations 900 and 902](#) – Chair Yoshimi {2:10-2:20pm}

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

Requested Action: Members to discuss and determine the next steps.

VII. [Mechanical Engineering \(ME\) Voting Rights](#) – Chair Yoshimi {2:20-2:30pm}

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?

Requested Action: Members to discuss CRE’s interpretation and respond to the Mechanical Engineering (ME) Department’s request.

VIII. Campus and Systemwide Review Items – Chair Yoshimi {2:30-2:40pm}

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.

Requested Action: Identify a CRE lead reviewer. The lead reviewer’s comments will be circulated via email by Friday, October 11, 2024, and will serve as the basis for CRE’s official response to the Senate Chair.

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.

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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.

Requested Action: Identify a CRE lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be circulated via email by Monday, October 21, 2024, and will serve as the basis for CRE's official response to the Senate Chair.

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

IX. Other Business {2:40-2:45pm}