

**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS (CRE)****AGENDA****Monday, April 21, 2025****1:00pm – 2:30pm****ZOOM****I. Consent Calendar {1:00-1:05pm}**

- A. Today's Agenda
- B. [March 17 Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [April 7 Meeting Minutes](#)

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

**II. Chair's Report – Jeff Yoshimi {1:05-1:20pm}**

- A. Updates from [Divisional Council](#) Meetings (April 1 and April 8)

**III. Review of the Merced Division Bylaws and Regulations – Chair Yoshimi {1:20-1:30pm}**

At the January 27, 2025 CRE meeting, members agreed to review the UCM Bylaws and Regulations per item B.1. of the [CRE Duties](#).

Following the meeting, [assignments](#) were distributed to CRE members via email. CRE members were to review their assigned sections of the Merced Division Bylaws and Regulations and propose any amendments in tracked changes to the following Word documents:

- [Bylaws of the Merced Division](#)
- [Regulations of the Merced Division](#)

**Requested Action:** Members to review the proposed amendments to the Merced Division Bylaws and Regulations.

**IV. [FWAF's Response to CRE: Proposed Revisions to FWAF Bylaws for the New Faculty Welfare Committee, Proposed New Academic Freedom Committee Bylaws, and Proposed Revisions to Part II. Titles III. and IV. of the Divisional Bylaws](#) – Chair Yoshimi {1:30-1:40pm}**

On April 14, 2025, FWAF responded to CRE's April 8, 2025 [memo](#), which outlined recommendations regarding FWAF's proposed revisions to their Bylaws. FWAF concurred with CRE's suggestions and proposed additional language to enhance clarity. Their full response is linked in the title above.

The updated Bylaws include additional revisions, which are noted in red, bold, underlined font.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws for the CFW are available [here](#).

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws for the CAF are available [here](#).

No additional revisions were made to [Senate Bylaw II.III. and II.IV. \(Committees\)](#).

**Requested Action:** Members to review the proposed amendments and vote to approve/disapprove. CRE transmits its decision to FWAf and the Senate Chair.

V. **Memo from the Undergraduate Council (UGC): Non-Senate Faculty Voting Rights on Academic Senate Committees – Chair Yoshimi {1:40-2:05pm}**

On April 11, 2025, UGC issued a memo to CRE seeking clarification on non-Senate faculty voting rights on Academic Senate committees. In reviewing Systemwide Senate Bylaw 35, which governs membership and rights within Senate committees, UGC acknowledges that non-Senate members do not currently possess voting rights on Senate Committees. However, UGC would like to seek further clarification on the following highlighted statement from Systemwide Senate Bylaw 35:

**35. Membership of Committees**

2. Only members of the Academic Senate may vote in Senate agencies and their committees when those agencies or committees are taking final action on any matter for the Academic Senate, or giving advice to University officers or other non-Senate agencies in the name of the Senate. **Persons other than Senate members may be given the right to vote on other questions, such as those that involve only recommendations to other Senate agencies, but only by explicit Bylaw provisions.** [See Legislative Ruling 12.75]

UGC seeks clarification on whether it is possible to amend the Merced Divisional Bylaws to include language that would grant non-Senate faculty voting rights on undergraduate student-related issues. Currently, the Merced Division Bylaw Part I. Title II. Membership does not include provisions for non-Senate faculty to vote on such matters, therefore, UGC is requesting a ruling.

If granting voting rights to non-Senate members is not feasible, UGC wonders if it would be possible to amend the Divisional Bylaws to add an additional Unit 18 Lecturer or ex-officio, non-voting member to represent the interests of undergraduate students. One Unit 18 Lecturer currently attends all UGC meetings as an observer.

For more information, please refer to the email from the Fatima to the UGC Chair, sent on April 2, 2025.

**Requested Action:** Members to review the Systemwide and Divisional Bylaws and prepare a response to UGC.

VI. **Systemwide Review Items – Chair Yoshimi – {2:05-2:25pm}**

A. Presidential Policy on High-Containment Research

The policy includes the following key provisions:

- All high-containment facilities and research activities at all University-owned and/or operated locations.
- The authority of the UC High-Containment Laboratory Oversight Committee is formalized.
- The required elements of a High-Containment Research Program are identified as the local High-Containment Laboratory Oversight Group, the designated High-Containment Laboratory Director, and the High-Containment Laboratory Plan, which details the management and operational safety plan for each high-containment facility.

At the March 17, 2025 CRE meeting, Member Petersen agreed to serve as lead reviewer. His comments are available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members to review the proposed revisions and lead reviewer's comments. If there is consensus, members vote to approve the draft memo. The CRE Analyst will transmit the final memo to the Senate Chair.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, April 25, 2025**.

B. [Proposed Revisions to APM 360 – Appointment and Promotion, Librarian Series](#)

The proposed revisions are intended to update the definition of the Librarian Series.

On March 25, 2025, Member Beman agreed to serve as lead reviewer. His comments are available [here](#).

**Requested Action:** Members to review the proposed revisions and lead reviewer's comments. If there is consensus, members vote to approve the draft memo. The CRE Analyst will transmit the final memo to the Senate Chair.

Comments are due to the Senate Chair by **Friday, April 25, 2025**.

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