

Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

Agenda
September 25, 2019
3:00-4:30pm
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I. Chair's Report – Christopher Viney – 15 min

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Senate and Administration Governance Retreat, August 25-26, 2019
- C. Divisional Council Meetings, [September 4](#) and [September 18](#), 2019
- D. CRE Priorities AY 19-20
 - Adoption of permanent governance structure for General Education (GE).
 - At all levels on campus: Ensure that all policies are supported by appropriate procedures.
 - Review of the UCM [Bylaws](#) and [Regulations](#)
- E. Managing CRE's Work and Review Assignments
Members to discuss whether they wish to review all items distributed by Divisional Council this year, or allow the CRE analyst, on behalf of the CRE Chair, to only forward items relevant to CRE.

II. Committee Resources – 10 min

- A. 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
 - Christopher Viney, Chair, School of Engineering
 - Anna Song, Vice Chair, School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts
 - Christine Isborn, School of Natural Sciences
 - Nathan W. Monroe, School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and ArtsEx-Officio (non-voting):
 - Thomas G. Hansford, Senate Chair, School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts
 - Robin Maria DeLugan, Senate Vice Chair, School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and ArtsSupport Staff: Fatima Paul, Associate Director, Academic Senate
- C. [Meeting Schedule](#)

III. Consent Calendar – 10 min

- A. Approval of today's Agenda
- B. [CRE's Revised Conflict of Interest Policy](#)¹

IV. Campus Review Items – 25 min

- A. Proposal for a Program of Graduate Studies in Cognitive and Information Sciences
 - [Proposal](#)
 - [CCGA Degree Program Format for Graduate Program Proposals](#)
 - [CCGA Handbook](#)

¹ The current CRE Conflict of Interest Policy is available [here](#)

- [Graduate Council Policy](#)

CRE is not a lead reviewer.

Actions:

- a) Members decide whether to opine.
- b) If opining, assign a CRE lead reader/reviewer.
- c) Lead reader's comments will be sent to [Chair Viney](#) and Associate Director [Fatima Paul](#) by September 30, for transmittal to the Senate Chair. Reader's comments will be the basis of CRE's official response to the Senate Chair.

DivCo's deadline for comments: October 3, 2019.

B. [Library and Scholarly Communications Bylaw Revisions](#)

The proposed revisions increase the faculty membership of the committee to five from four, and change the composition of the committee to being broadly representative of the schools (and populated by the Committee on Committees) from being composed of a representative each from the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation, the Committee on Research, Graduate Council and Undergraduate Council. Additionally, the Chief Information Officer (CIO) has been removed as an ex-officio member, at the CIO's request. Finally, a small revision has been made to [bylaw II.IV.4.B.2](#) addressing the committee's role in the Library's budget.

Actions:

- a) Assign a lead reviewer.
- b) The lead reviewer's comments will be sent to [Chair Viney](#) and Associate Director [Fatima Paul](#) by September 30, for transmittal to the Senate Chair.

DivCo's deadline for comments: October 8, 2019.

CRE is not a lead reviewer.

C. Sociology Bylaw Revisions

The Sociology Department is proposing revisions to its Bylaws. A rationale for this request and the revised bylaws are available [here](#).

Action: Members discuss the Sociology proposal and send comments to Sociology Department Chair Nella Van Dyke.

D. Request for Non-Senate Faculty Representation of Senate Committees

- i. [Unit 18 Lecturing Faculty](#)

Senate Committee Chairs are invited to consider whether adding a Unit-18 lecturing faculty representative to their respective committee would be valuable to the committee's execution of its duties as outlined in Senate bylaw.

- ii. [Library Association of UCM](#) would like to be able to bring the Library's perspective to Senate committee deliberations, particularly those focused on academic programs, research initiatives, and issues related to resource planning and allocation.

Action: Members discuss the aforelisted two requests from Divisional Council and decide whether to respond.

Note: UGC is the only UCM Senate Committee that includes representation from both the Unit 18 Lecturers and the Library Association.

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V. Systemwide Review Item – 5 min**A. [Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation](#)**

President Napolitano requested Provost Brown to convene a workgroup to substantively revise the existing Policy and Procedures on Curation and Repatriation of Human Remains and Cultural Items. The policy pertains to the treatment and repatriation of Native American and Native Hawaiian human remains and cultural items under the University’s stewardship and the University’s compliance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Actions:

- a) CRE reviews the proposal and decides whether to opine.
- b) If opining, a lead reviewer will be identified.
- c) The lead reviewer’s comments will be sent to [Chair Viney](#) and Associate Director [Fatima Paul](#) by September 26.

DivCo’s deadline for comments: September 27, 2019.

VI. Informational Item: Draft Policy for New Schools and Colleges – 10 min

The policy will be included as an informational item on the October 2, 2019 DivCo agenda and has been distributed to Senate Committees as an informational item.

Background: In a November 7, 2018 memo, EVC/Provost Camfield requested Senate comments on the policy. Per his memo, the policy “establishes campus-level procedures for the development and review of proposals for new schools or colleges together with a standard proposal format. In doing so, it functions as a companion to the [Compendium](#), which outlines the policy and procedure at the system level.”

The Senate responded with comments from CAPRA, CoR, CRE, D&E, GC, UGC, the SOE and SSHA Executive Committees. Materials are available [here](#) (CRE’s comments are on page 6).

On September 16, 2019, a revised policy was circulated as an informational item. Supporting materials are available here:

- a) [Memo from EVC/Provost Camfield](#) (September 16, 2019)
- b) Revised policy
 - [Redline Copy](#)
 - [Clean Copy](#)

Action: Members discuss.

VII. Consultation with Prof. Valerie Leppert, Chair, General Education Executive Committee – 15 min