

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

To the Merced Division of the Academic Senate:

In academic year 2021-2022, the Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) conducted business via videoconference and email with respect to its duties as outlined in UCM [Senate Bylaw II.III.8](#).

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) issues formal Legislative Rulings to resolve disputes or clear up ambiguities regarding Senate authority, procedures, or jurisdiction. Legislative Rulings are binding unless modified by subsequent legislation or action from the Board of Regents. CRE also (i) prepares and reports to the Division, or to any of its Faculties, such changes and additions to their Bylaws and Regulations proposed by other committees or by individuals; (ii) edits and publishes the Manual of the Merced Division at such intervals as it deems expedient; (iii) determines whether a person meets the conditions for membership in the Division and (iv) supervises all Senate Elections.

The Chair of CRE also serves as the [Division Secretary/Parliamentarian](#).

Elections

The first Call for Nominations for four positions on the [Committee on Committees](#) (CoC) and two At-Large members of the [Divisional Council](#) (DivCo) was distributed to Senate members on January 6, 2022. Complete nomination forms were due to the Senate Office on January 19, 2022. In the absence of a sufficient number of nominations, the Call was extended to February 8, 2022. Following the extension, the Senate Office received five nominations for the Committee on Committees and three for the At-Large Divisional Council memberships.

The Election ballots were distributed on February 18, 2022. The ballot closed on February 25, 2022. Results [were announced](#) on February 25, 2022

Review Items

CRE reviewed and transmitted comments on the following items:

- Proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment
- Proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 478, which governs the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
- Proposed policy related to the use of UC and UCM Names, Network, Electronic and Online Sites
- Proposed revisions to the Bylaws of the Sociology Department
- Merritt Writing Program (MWP) governance structure
- Bylaws related to Senate faculty terms of service on Senate Committees
- Molecular and Cell Biology Department Revised Bylaws
- Amendments to Senate Regulation 4 - Undergraduate Honors (approved at the May 12 Meeting of the Division and implemented on June 22, 2022)
- Amendments to Senate Bylaw Part II, Title II, Section 3.B.2.B – Student Selection, Appointment and Participation (approved at the May 12 Meeting of the Division and implemented on June 22, 2022)
- Pre-proposal for a Gallo School of Management at UCM

Memorial to the UC Regents

In April, a [Memorial to the Regents](#) was proposed by the Assembly of the Academic Senate through the process set forth in Senate Bylaw 90.C. The Memorial stated “The University of California Academic Senate petitions the Regents for investments in UC’s infrastructure that will reduce on-campus fossil fuel combustion by at least 60% of current levels by 2030 and by 95% of current levels by 2035.

On May 8, members of the Merced Division of the Academic Senate were invited to vote on the Memorial. The vote closed on June 1. The Memorial was approved with 136 votes in favor and 13 opposed. In accordance with Senate Bylaws, the results were reported to systemwide Assembly Secretary/Parliamentarian Dixon on June 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
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