

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

B. Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) (Action)

- **Quentin Williams, Chair**

Proposed Amendment to [Senate Regulation 600B](#). (Action)

In accordance with [Senate Bylaw 116. Authority of the Assembly](#) – Part II. E. “The Assembly is authorized to approve modifications to the University Academic Senate legislation...Except for Bylaws marked “[Protected – see Bylaw 116.E]”, modification of Bylaws requires the approval of two-thirds of all voting member of the Assembly present; modification of Regulations requires the approval of a majority of all voting members of the Assembly present...Modifications of legislation shall take effect immediately following approval unless a different date is specified or required.”

The proposed amendments to [Senate Regulation 600B](#) was approved by the Academic Council at its April 27, 2005 meeting and sent to the Universitywide Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCR&J) for their concurrence that the proposed amendments are consonant with the Code of the Academic Senate.

BACKGROUND and JUSTIFICATION

Our current Senate Regulation 600.B prohibits faculty colleagues from bestowing graduate degrees upon each other at their own campuses. In December 2004, the Coordinating Council on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) proposed amending Senate Regulation 600.B after it had come to the committee’s attention that the regulation may prevent UC faculty from pursuing professional development that could be highly beneficial to their careers and to the University. CCGA’s proposal was reviewed by Senate Divisions and Standing Committees of the Academic Council. Based on that review, the Academic Council recommends that Senate Regulation 600.B be modified as set forth below.

The original intent of this regulation was to prohibit faculty colleagues from bestowing post-baccalaureate degrees upon fellow faculty members at their own campuses. This regulation prevents a form of ‘nepotism’, in which a faculty member might be awarded an advanced degree by his/her own colleagues – a situation in which could be rife with conflicts of interest.

The growth in new graduate degrees, such as the Masters of Advanced Studies (MAS), offers UC faculty the opportunity to advance their careers through engaging in additional training and education. There are already a number of MAS degrees on UC campuses (Davis, San Francisco, San Diego), with the promise of more to come. These types of degrees are of particular interest to faculty within the fields of medical and biology science who might be interested in adding to their expertise in clinical work. Aside from the MAS, another example of faculty interest would be a professor in any of a range of disciplines who wishes to earn an MBA or law degree at his/her own campus. Maintaining the status quo of this regulation means limiting faculty enrollment in MAS and other advanced degree programs to faculty from outside the relevant campus and/or

non-Senate faculty members. Moreover, it restricts the careers and intellectual growth of UC faculty, who would have to pursue additional degrees at another institution.

In order to retain the original intent of the regulation, the Academic Council recommends restricting the granting of advanced degrees to faculty who have no power or influence over the department issuing the degree. In other words, a UC Senate faculty member would not be able to receive a degree from the department or program in which he or she holds an appointment; but departments or programs could bestow degrees on candidates who hold Senate appointments outside the degree-granting department/program. The most efficient way to change this regulation is not to simply grant exceptions at each division, but to replace the first clause of the first sentence with:

“No voting member of the Senate shall be recommended for a post-baccalaureate degree by the department or program in which he or she has an appointment unless...”

The proposed language replaces the term “higher degree” with “post-baccalaureate degree.” in order to remove any ambiguity inherent in the word “higher.”

It is also important to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Degree candidates who are also Senate members should not have power or influence over the degree granting department or program in terms of resources funding, degree granting, and academic personnel actions. However, potential conflicts of interest can be avoided if the degree candidate has the ability to recuse him or herself from any decisions/actions involving the degree granting department or program. Therefore, the following clause would be added to the regulation:

“In addition, degree candidates who are voting members of the Senate may not be members of committees or be in positions of administrative authority that have influence or control over the resources, funding, degree granting, and academic personnel actions of the degree granting department or program unless they are able to recuse themselves from any decisions/actions involving the said department or program.”

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the proposed amendments to Senate Regulation 600B.

Present Wording:

600.

- B. No voting member of the Senate shall be recommended for a higher degree by his or her Division unless, prior to the date of final action on the member's appointment to a rank carrying the voting privilege, the dean of the member's Graduate Division shall have certified to the appropriate authority that the member has met all the requirements for that degree. Such appointments may be retroactive.

Proposed Wording:

600.

- B. ~~No voting member of the Senate shall be recommended for a higher degree by his or her Division unless~~ **No voting member of the Senate shall be recommended for a post-baccalaureate degree by the department or program in which he or she has an appointment unless**, prior to the date of final action on the member's appointment to a rank carrying the voting privilege, the dean of the member's Graduate Division shall have certified to the appropriate authority that the member has met all the requirements for that degree. Such appointments may be retroactive. **In addition, degree candidates who are voting members of the Senate may not be members of committees or be in positions of administrative authority that have influence or control over the resources, funding, degree granting, and academic personnel actions of the degree granting department or program unless they are able to recuse themselves from any decisions/actions involving the said department or program.**

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

C. Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) (Oral Report)

- Michael Brown

D. University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) (Oral Report)

- John Oakley, Chair

E. University Committee on Committees (UCOC) (Information)

- Albert Stralka, Chair

Appointments of 2005-06 Systemwide Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

The University Committee on Committees has made the following appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2005-2006:

Academic Freedom (UCAF)

Chair: Herma Hill Kay

Vice Chair: Jerold Theis (D)

Academic Personnel (UCAP)

Chair: Anthony Norman (R)

Vice Chair: Mary Croughan (SF)

Affirmative Action (UCAAD)

Chair: TBA

Vice Chair: Gibor Basri (B)

Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS)

Chair: Michael Brown (SB)

Vice Chair: Mark Rashid (D)

Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)

Chair: Duncan Lindsey (LA)

Vice Chair: Reen Wu (D)

Editorial

Chair: Carol Lansing (SB)

Vice Chair: Diane Wolf (D)

International Education (UCIE)

Chair: Fred Burwick (LA)

Vice Chair: Anita Guerrini (SB)

Educational Policy (UCEP)

Chair: Denise Segura (SB)

Vice Chair: Keith Gilles (B)

Faculty Welfare (UCFW)

Chair: Raymond Russell (R)

Vice Chair: Susan French (LA)

Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP)

Chair: Andrew Kahng (SD)

Vice Chair: David G. Messerschmitt (B)

Library (UCOL)

Chair: Ben Crow (SC)

Vice Chair: Elaine Tennant (B)

Planning and Budget (UCPB)

Chair: Stan Glantz (SF)

Vice Chair: Chris Newfield (SB)

Preparatory Education (UCOPE)

Chair: Roswell Spafford (SC)

Vice Chair: John Eggers (SD)

Privilege and Tenure (UCP&T)

Chair: TBA

Vice Chair: TBA

Research Policy (UCORP)

Chair: George Sensabaugh (B)

Vice Chair: Wendy Max (SF)

Rules and Jurisdiction (UCR&J)

Chair: Donald Potts (SC)

VIII. PETITIONS OF STUDENTS (None)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

X. UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY WELFARE REPORT (None)

X. NEW BUSINESS