

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION (UCRJ)
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19**

TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

Responsibilities and Duties

Pursuant to [Senate Bylaw 205](#), the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCRJ) is responsible for:

- examining and supervising all changes and additions, both substantive and editorial, in the Senate Bylaws and Regulations;
- examining all Divisional legislation that affects the system Bylaws and Regulations;
- preparing and reporting to the Assembly or to any of the Divisions such changes and additions to the Bylaws and Regulations as may seem to it advisable; and
- making editorial and conforming non-substantive changes in the Bylaws and Regulations with regard to numbering, headings, cross-references, organizational titles, details of style, and similar items.

Pursuant to Senate Bylaw 206, UCR&J shall respond to informal requests from Senate members for information concerning the *Code of the Academic Senate*, and shall file with the Secretary/Parliamentarian of the Senate, and summarize in its annual committee report, all correspondence containing committee response to such requests.

UCRJ conducted business over email, and major actions are reported below.

Legislative Ruling

Standing Order of the Regents 105.2(a) (SOR 105.2) – *Duties, Powers, and Privileges of the Academic Senate*

The Santa Cruz Division requested a legislative ruling for an interpretation of [Standing Order of the Regents 105.2\(a\) \(SOR 105.2\)](#), which states:

The Academic Senate, subject to the approval of the Board, shall determine the conditions for admission, for certificates, and for degrees other than honorary degrees.

UCRJ rendered the following Legislative Ruling in regard to the interpretation of [Standing Order of the Regents 105.2](#):

The university administration may not implement a change to admissions requirements until such change is approved by the Regents. Were the approval of the Regents not required, then the language calling for such approval would be superfluous; and were the language regarding setting of conditions for admission in [105.2\(a\)](#) intended to achieve such a result, then it should be identical to that for authorization and supervision of curriculum, described in the very next sentence in the Standing Order as well as in [Regents Bylaw 40.1](#). No approval from the Regents is called for there, suggesting that if the Regents Standing Order and Bylaw

regarding admissions were not intended to mandate approval of the Regents, they would have been written accordingly. Further, an alternative interpretation raises a policy concern because if approval of the Regents were not required to implement a change, then a Senate modification could subsequently be vetoed by the Regents, leading to multiple changes in admissions standards to the detriment of applicants.

In November 2018, the Academic Council concurred, and on December 12, 2018, it was reported to the Assembly for its information.

Variance

[Regulation 782](#) – *Grades*

The San Diego division requested a variance to Senate Regulation 782 to allow the San Diego division to exempt the units earned in upper division independent study courses. The Assembly approved the variance

Evaluation of Proposed Bylaw Changes

[Bylaw 336](#) – *Privilege and Tenure: Divisional Committees -- Disciplinary Cases*

At the request of the Academic Council Chair, UCR&J reviewed and evaluated proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336. Academic Council agreed to authorize the release of the revisions for 90-day systemwide Senate review at its December 2018 meeting. The Academic Assembly approved the revisions at its April 2019 meeting.

Advice to Divisions and Committees

- The Los Angeles division requested advice on possibly suspending or amending Bylaw 335/336 requirements for composition of Hearing Committees.
- Advice was given to the Academic Council Chair regarding the minimum percentage appointment (FTE) that is necessary to have Academic Senate membership.
- Academic Council Chair asked about the procedures for amending or modifying an approval action taken by the Assembly
- The San Diego division requested clarification if Security of Employment is equivalent to tenure, under systemwide Senate Bylaw 55.
- Academic Council Chair asked about the procedures for changing Senate Regulations. The Santa Cruz division requested changes to the Senate Regulations that involved the reduction of 12-unit requirement to 10 units (i.e., SR 630.D, SR 614, SB 125.B.6).
- The Los Angeles division requested advice on academic units, specifically, are the NPI/Resnick entities are a single, integrated unit with the Department of Psychiatry.
- Academic Council Chair May asked UCRJ regarding the Memorial to the Regents process (Bylaw 90), specifically the last sentence of Bylaw 90.D.3.
- The Santa Barbara division requested a review and interpretation of Senate Regulation 636.
- Academic Council Chair asked about the systemwide in-resident requirement, specifically the possibility to petition for an exception to this requirement and tuition assessment.

- Advice was provided to the Academic Council Chair regarding the clarification of procedures of proposed variances submitted by the divisions.
- The University Committee on Committees (UCOC) Chair requested advice on (1) whether the position of AVP is "higher" than departmental chair? And (2) is the Editorial Committee an "Assembly Committee"?
- The Los Angeles division asked UCRJ which body has ultimate authority, their RJ Committee or Graduate Council on their division.

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