UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION (UCRJ)
ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

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 videoconference and email, and major actions are reported below.

Legislative Ruling

None.

Variance

None.

Evaluation of Proposed Bylaw Changes

None.

Advice to Divisions and Committees

- The Santa Cruz division asked whether Senate Regulation 750.B. "allows a division (or its authorized committee/s) to impose restrictions on appointments to teach lower division courses," or whether the rule should be "understood to mean that no conditions may be placed on "persons holding other instructional titles" teaching lower division courses by divisional committees, since no conditions have been placed by the systemwide Senate."

- The Davis division asked about a proposed, new program to satisfy the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement.
- The Santa Cruz division asked about the need for in-person proceedings in the context of hearings pursuant to Senate Bylaws 335 and 336.
- UCEP asked about campus discretion to decide whether to disqualify students from further instruction under Senate Regulation 900(A)(2).
- The Academic Council asked about succession to the chair of the Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) that plays a role in selection of the president of the University, pursuant to Regents Policy 7101(B).
- The Academic Council asked whether UC's Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) may suspend certain admissions requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Academic Council asked about the ability of Divisions to shift to pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading, either across the board or selectively, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Academic Council asked whether formal legislative action is needed to enable UC responses to future emergency situations that might necessitate the remote delivery of instruction for an extended period.
- UCOPE asked whether Senate Regulation 636(C) provides any leeway for divisions to utilize an instrument other than the Analytical Writing Placement Exam for satisfaction of the AWPE subsequent to enrollment or if a variance would need to be granted.
- UCEP asked for clarification about whether a new UC student is automatically considered in good standing in light of SR 544.
- The San Diego division asked whether a systemwide variance is required for a division to amend its regulations to allow grades received in Extension classes to be taken into account in calculating a student's University GPA, or whether such a change could be decided at the Divisional level.
- The Santa Cruz division asked whether an emeritus/a faculty member continues to have tenure post-retirement.
- UCEP asked whether Regent's Bylaw 40.1 confers on UCEP the authority to recommend that the president of the University grant a degree to a particular student and, relatedly, whether a divisional CEP has similar authority.
- The Irvine division asked if a divisional CEP may grant a former undergraduate a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering.
- The San Diego division asked if a systemwide variance is required before a Division can amend its Regulations to allow courses taken through Extension's concurrent enrollment program of study to be included in the UC GPA.
- The Santa Cruz division asked for clarification of the meaning of "actual attendance" in Senate Regulations 610 and 688.
- The Academic Council asked if formally extending academic freedom protections beyond members of the Academic Senate was consistent with the Manual (proposed APM 011).

This UCR&J annual report was drafted by Principal Analyst Kenneth Feer.

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