

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION (UCRJ)
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TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

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 systemwide 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 in academic year 2020-21, and its major actions are reported below.

Advice to Divisions and Committees

Bylaw 335

UCRJ provided advice to a UC Santa Cruz faculty member who requested an informal interpretation of the Code of the Senate as it pertains to his ability to act as a Privilege and Tenure advisor on behalf of a Division (in accordance with SB 335.B.1) while also representing an individual grievant separately at his home campus. UCRJ advised that the Bylaws do not necessarily prohibit a P&T advisor on one campus from representing a “grievant” in a different Division from their own.

Bylaw 55

UCRJ provided advice to the San Diego division on the question of whether Lecturers with Security of Employment (LSOEs) serving on the Divisional CAP and evaluating files of ladder rank faculty, would constitute a violation of Bylaw 55. (Departmental Voting Rights). UCRJ advised that LSOE voting rights are restricted to actions concerning their own series, unless explicitly extended by an individual department. UCRJ also noted it is unclear that LSOEs are necessarily considered to be “holding tenure rank”; however, their associated rights and privileges are similar, and Bylaw 55 does not make any statement about voting per se, so UCRJ assumes that the any lawful Senate member of a CAP is able to vote.

Bylaw 35

UCRJ provided advice to Senate members from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) on the question of whether it is permissible to exclude specific committees from the

requirement in Bylaw 35.D.3 that the Chair and Vice Chair of any Standing or Special Committee must be members of the Academic Senate. UCRJ opined that it would not be permissible to apply Bylaw 35.D.3 to specific committees on a discretionary basis.

UCEP Inquiry on Online Degrees

UCRJ provided advice to the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) on several questions regarding the development of fully online degree programs at the University. UCRJ advised that neither the Senate regulations nor the Compendium are definitive about a mandatory UCEP or systemwide review of fully online undergraduate degree proposals, including those deemed “first of its kind,” on a campus or for the UC system, or those involving the conversion of an existing degree program to a remote format. UCRJ encouraged UCEP to clarify expectations in the Compendium concerning the systemwide review of such proposals in these and other scenarios, and to conduct additional studies, as needed, on the issues as they relate to educational policy.

Evaluation of Proposed Bylaw and Regulation Changes

UCRJ confirmed the following Bylaw and Regulation changes put before the Assembly, as consistent with the Code of the Academic Senate:

- Revision to Senate Bylaw 336.F.3 and 336.F.6 (Privilege and Tenure Hearings)
- Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336.F.8 (Privilege and Tenure Hearings)
- Revision to Senate Regulation 610 (Residency)
- Revisions to Senate Bylaw 160 (Editorial Committee)
- Revisions to Senate Bylaw 125.B.14 (Regents Committee on Health Services)

Legislative Ruling

None

Variance

None

Respectfully submitted,

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