

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION (UCRJ)  
ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

**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 to the Senate bylaws and regulations, both substantive and editorial
- 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 about numbering, headings, cross-references, organizational titles, details of style, and similar items

In accordance with Senate Bylaw 206, UCRJ responds 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. During the 2023-24 academic year, UCRJ conducted most of its business via email. Major actions are summarized below.

**LEGISLATIVE RULINGS**

*None*

**ADVICE TO DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES**

***Advice to UCLA on voting rights:*** UCRJ advised the UCLA division on a matter concerning the participation of non-Senate faculty on a curriculum committee, referencing Senate Bylaw [35.C.2](#) and [Bylaw 55](#), as well as UCRJ [Legislative Rulings](#) 5.67 and 12.75.

***Advice to UCSD on Senate Bylaw 55:*** UCRJ advised the San Diego division on whether a department may restrict Bylaw 55 votes on advancements within rank to only a subset of faculty at that rank.

***Advice to BOARS Chair:*** UCRJ advised the chair of Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools on the next steps for the proposed A-G Ethnic Studies (Area H) undergraduate admission requirement.

***Advice to ACSCOTI:*** UCRJ reviewed two alternative amendments to [Senate Regulation 479](#) proposed by the Academic Council Special Committee on Transfer Issues, intended to enhance transfer student preparedness. It found both alternatives to be clear and coherent with existing regulations but expressed a preference for the version that extended flexibility to all transfer students.

**EVALUATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO SENATE BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS**

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

- [Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 55](#) (voting rights)
- [Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 55](#) (Professor of Teaching)
- [Proposed revisions to Senate Regulations 900 and 902](#) (Academic Probation/Notice)

#### SYSTEMWIDE REVIEWS

- UCRJ recommended additional clarifying amendments to the proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 55.

#### VARIANCES

- **Variance to Senate Regulation 740:** UCRJ discussed the San Francisco division's request for a variance to Senate Regulation 740, which would allow each UCSF School and its Graduate Council to establish non-standard course numbering different from other UCSF Schools and other UC divisions. UCRJ proposed a five-year variance period to give the division time to implement the renumbering.

Respectfully submitted,

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