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**SYSTEM-WIDE SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS
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RE: System-wide Senate Review of the Proposed Amendment to [Senate Bylaw 181](#) – Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (Committee)

Dear System-wide Senate Committee and Divisional Senate Chairs:

On behalf of Chair Oakley, the proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 181 is being forwarded for your review and comments. To summarize, the University Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP) has requested that both its name and charge be changed to more appropriately reflect the work that is undertaken by the committee.

In order for the Academic Council to finalize its position during the 2006-07 academic year, we would very much appreciate **receiving responses from both Systemwide Senate Committees and Divisions by no later than June 13, 2007.**

Please note that we normally have a different deadline for comments from Systemwide Senate Committees and from Divisions, but due to the tight deadline **all responses are due by June 13, 2007.**

As a reminder to System-wide Senate Committee Chairs, request for comments, are sent out to all System-wide Senate Chairs. Each Chair/committee may decide whether or not to opine. Please notify the Senate Office either directly by emailing me or through your Committee Analyst, if your committee chooses not to participate in this review.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "María".

María Bertero-Barceló, Executive Director
Academic Senate

Encl: [1 \(Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 181\)](#)

Copy: Academic Council Chair John Oakley
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February 8, 2007

**JOHN OAKLEY, CHAIR
ACADEMIC SENATE**

RE: Proposed Amendment to ITTP Bylaw 181

Dear John,

The University Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP) feels that its name and charge as currently written in Senate Bylaw 181 are dated and do not reflect accurately the balance of work undertaken by the committee. We propose to amend both our name and charge.

We appreciate your timely consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

David G. Messerschmitt, Chair
ITTP

cc: Maria Bertero-Barcelo, Executive Director
ITTP

Encl.

C Agenda

Justification

The University Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP) seeks to change the committee's name to the University Committee on Computing and Communications (UCCC, or familiarly, "U3C"), and we seek to amend our charge in parallel. Change is rapid in information technology and computing, and communications technology increasingly impacts our faculty's teaching and research as well as the student experience. While the Committee still exercises its responsibility in reviewing policy changes, more and more we initiate and lead discussions on the enhanced and expanded uses of computing and communication technologies in support of the academic mission. The proposed changes will encourage future Committee leadership and membership to pursue this expanded and more activist agenda.

The following detail the proposed amendment:

- *Remove the word "Policy" from the Committee name.* The ambiguous wording of our current name leaves the misleading impression that policy issues dominate our agenda or alternatively that policy issues are limited to telecommunications, both of which are inaccurate. The list of duties makes clear that policy is only one of our ongoing concerns.
- *Remove the word "Technology" from the Committee name.* Having this word in the title leaves the impression that a primary committee concern is with technology for its own sake, when in fact the emphases are on the uses and impact of technology. Thus, like the corresponding Senate committees at Berkeley and Santa Cruz, we propose to leave technology out of the name, while making clear in our duties that the uses and impact of technology are our foci.

The committee name could list all the key words in its name, such as "technology", "uses and impact" and "policy", but we feel this is unnecessary and cumbersome. The list of duties, rather than the name, is the best place to clarify and limit the scope of committee activities, while keeping the name simple and generic.

- *Replace "Telecommunications" with "Communications" throughout.* The term "telecommunications" has become synonymous with voice telephony. Today the issues and opportunities surrounding communications technology as a basis for information access and collaboration are far richer and broader than telephony. We believe that the words "computing and communications" in tandem, together with our list of duties, make it clear that our scope includes human activities enabled by communications technology, rather than broader issue of human communication.
- *Replace "Information" with "Computing" throughout.* As library functions are increasingly based on digital technology, we feel that not including the words "information" or "storage" in our name and duties makes clearer the distinction

between our Committee and the Committee on Library. Nevertheless, there is overlap and a need for coordination in the sense that the library and scholarly communications functions are dependent on a general computing and communications infrastructure, and hence the continued justification for including the Chair of the Committee on Library as an *ex officio* member of our Committee.

Current Language:

**181. Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy
[formerly Computer Policy] [formerly 155] (CC 12 May 2004)**

A. Membership shall be determined in accordance with Bylaw 128 and shall include the Chair of the Library Committee who shall serve as *ex officio* member. One undergraduate student and one graduate student shall sit with the Committee. [See Bylaw 128.E.] The Vice Chair shall be chosen in accordance with the Bylaw 128.D.2. and 3. (Am 7 May 87; Am 28 May 2003)

B. Duties: The Committee shall represent the Senate in all matters of instruction and research policy involving the use of information technology and telecommunications and shall advise the President, consistent with Bylaw 40, concerning the acquisition and use of information and telecommunications technology at the University either at its own initiative or at the President's request. (Am 7 May 87; Am 28 May 2003)

Proposed Language:

155. ~~Information Technology and Telecommunications Policy~~ Computing and Communications

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B. Duties: The Committee shall represent the Senate in all matters of ~~instruction and research policy involving the use of information technology and telecommunications~~ involving the uses and impact of computing and communications technology, and shall advise the President, consistent with Bylaw 40, concerning the acquisition, ~~and use of information and telecommunications technology~~ usage, and support of computing and communications technology and related policy issues at the University, either at its own initiative or at the President's request.