To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

Purpose (per Bylaw 105):

The Charges Officer considers informal complaints of possible violation of the Faculty Code of Conduct on the part of Senate members, undertaking informal resolution and/or referring complainants to other appropriate campus persons or agencies, as indicated in Appendix IV of the Manual of the Santa Barbara Division. With respect to formal complaints with potential merit, the Charges Officer consults with the Charges Advisory Committee to evaluate the merits of the case and to assess whether or not the complaint should be forwarded to an Ad Hoc Charges Committee for further investigation, consonant with Appendix IV of the Divisional Manual.

During 2017-18, the Charges Officer responded to eight new formal complaints, and continued ongoing efforts in relation to one complaint that was filed with the Senate during the previous year. An acting Charges Office, Lisa Hajjar, responded to one informal complaint. The Charges Advisory Committee was consulted regarding all eight of the newly submitted formal complaints.

Based on recommendations of the Charges Advisory Committee, five ad hoc Charges Committees were formed to investigate allegations and determine whether there was probable cause for undertaking disciplinary action. The results of the investigations were communicated to the appropriate parties as defined in the Campus Procedures for Enforcement of the Faculty Code of Conduct.

Along with other Senate groups, the Charges Office and the Charges Advisory Committee responded to proposed new local procedures for reported Senate and Non-Senate Faculty violations of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy. They also responded to proposed amendment of Senate Bylaw 128 - Conflict of Interest.

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