Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections
Annual Report 2019-20

To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

The Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections (RJE) provides clarification and interpretation of Senate legislation and Divisional procedures. It also exercises formal supervision over Senate elections and proposed modifications to the Senate manual, prior to action by the Faculty Legislature. Business is generally conducted via email. The committee and Senate staff processed the following proposals during 2019-20.

**Student Conduct-Degree Clearance Proposal**
RJE reviewed a revised proposal to add the language “the candidate shall be in compliance with Student Code of Conduct” to various Senate Regulations governing conferral of degrees. There had been some additional questions sent back and responded to by the initiator. RJE was in support of the proposed revisions to Senate Regulations 175A, 175B, 190, 200A, 200B, 200C, 225 and 255, but requested that the language be modified to “The candidate shall be in compliance with the UCSB Student Code of Conduct”. The Faculty Legislature approved the revisions at its meeting of January 9, 2020.

**Proposed Revisions to Bylaw 87 – Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Relations with Schools**
RJE reviewed proposed revisions to the Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Relations of Schools Bylaw 87. The revisions added an Athletics-Admissions Review Committee in response to a campus audit of Admissions. RJE approved of the language. The Faculty Legislature approved the additional language at its meeting of January 9, 2020.

**Guidance on Replacing Committee on Committee Members**
RJE was asked by the Senate Executive Director, on behalf of the Divisional Chair, to advise on a matter concerning membership of the Committee on Committee. The Committee on Committees (CoC) is composed of elected members. Bylaw 90.C.2 explains how CoC may replace CoC members in case of an “inability to complete the prescribed term of service”, but is silent on a procedure if a CoC member is on extended leave but does not wish to resign. After careful consultation, RJE recommended that CoC appoint a replacement member when a member is on an extended leave, in order to make the workload more manageable and ensure fair representation.

**Regulation 35**
RJE was asked by the Divisional Chair to assess Divisional Regulation 35, which imposes limitations on undergraduate students’ ability to take courses on a Passed/Not Passed (P/NP) basis. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many universities, including other UC campuses, were waiving P/NP restrictions for the spring term. Undergraduate Council reviewed the P/NP restrictions and concluded that one-time waivers of the 7th week deadline and major limitations on P/NP graded courses should be implemented. RJE agreed that Undergraduate Council could implement these one-time waivers. RJE did, however, suggest that a formalized set of rules be drawn up for emergency situations in the future.

**College of Engineering – Proposal to Modify Senate Regulation 235A2 (Quarterly Honors)**
RJE reviewed a proposal from the College of Engineering to modify Senate Regulation 235.A.2, governing their quarterly honors. The proposal would increase the GPA requirement from 3.50 to 3.75. RJE approved of the revised language. The Faculty Legislature approved the revision at its meeting of April 30, 2020.
Senate Manual Revisions
RJE held two meetings with the Senate staff policy workgroup to discuss a wide array of potential revisions to Senate Bylaws and Regulations. The policy workgroup has been tasked with a thorough review of the Divisional Senate Manual, which has not been updated in quite some time. RJE was presented with many editorial and conforming changes that they approved, along with some more substantive changes. Some Bylaw revisions were to be sent to Faculty Legislature for final approval, and some would continue to be worked on throughout the following year.

Proposed Revisions to Divisional Bylaws 15, 20 and 105
Based on the Senate Manual revision meetings, RJE put forward revisions to three Divisional Bylaws: 15 - Chair, 20 - Vice Chair, and 105 - Faculty Code of Conduct Charges Officer. The revisions reflected current Senate practice and consistency with systemwide Bylaws. The revisions were presented to Faculty Legislature at its meeting of June 11, 2020, and approved.

2019-20 Divisional Election
In consultation with RJE, the Academic Senate Office conducted its annual nomination process in an effort to seek candidates for the election of one Academic Senate Divisional Chair, three Senate Assembly Representatives, and four members of the Committee on Committees.

Divisional Chair
A total of five Senate members were nominated for the position of Divisional Chair; two nominations were declined. Three candidates accepted nomination and received the requisite five endorsements. A ballot was conducted over the period from February 19 through March 4, 2020, with the following results:

**Eric Matthys** (Mechanical Engineering) – 13.91% (48 votes)
**Susannah Scott** (Chemical Engineering) – 57.97% (200 votes)
**Jianwen Su** (Computer Science) – 28.12% (97 votes)
**Total Votes** – 345 (26.34%)

Susannah Scott will serve as the next Divisional Chair.

Senate Assembly Representatives
A total of two Senate members were nominated for the position of Senate Assembly Representative; one nomination was declined. As there were three open positions, a ballot was not conducted. Isabel Bayrakdarian of Music received the requisite number of endorsements and was appointed to serve as Senate Assembly Representative. The Committee on Committee filled the remaining open positions.

Committee on Committees
A total of four Senate members were nominated to serve on the Committee on Committees; one candidate declined to accept. Three candidates were nominated, accepted the nomination, and received the requisite number of endorsements.
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As there were no faculty nominations for the position in Area B (College of Letters and Science Social Sciences Division and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education), this position was filled by an appointment by the Committee on Committees.

RJE Members, 2019-20
Paul Leonardi, Chair  Professor, Technology Management Program
Charles Akemann, Parliamentarian  Professor, Mathematics
Simonetta Falasca-Zamponi  Professor, Sociology
Ruth Hellier-Tinoco  Professor, Music
Ross Melnick  Associate Professor, Film & Media Studies
David Sherman  Professor, Psychological & Brain Sciences
Kelly Rivera  Advisor