To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

**MEETINGS**

The Committee on Committees met thirteen times during 2006-7. It discharged its normal duties of appointing members to the Senate Councils and Standing Committees and recommending faculty to serve on Administrative Committees and certain search committees as summarized below. We also offer our views on the volunteer pool, diversity, the new divisional election system for the Committee, and UC-wide Committee on Committee issues.

**THE VOLUNTEER POOL FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

As has been the case now for seven years, the Call for Volunteers was sent out via MySenate and faculty filled out the form electronically. The Committee notes that for 2006-2007, 112 Senate members volunteered for service on one or more of the Senate Councils and Standing Committees, which represents an increase of 7% over the previous year. The volunteer pool was for the most part just deep enough for making the full committee assignments; when it was not, we turned to faculty who had not volunteered and the response was generally good. The Committee continues to encourage and reach out to faculty to volunteer for Senate service and expresses its deep appreciation to all those individuals who were willing to serve on Senate committees.

**COMMITTEE WORKLOAD**

**Standing Senate Councils and Committees.** The Committee undertook appointment of Senate members, Lecturers, Librarians, and Professional Researchers to the Councils and Standing Committees. The Committee also appointed numerous replacements to Councils and Standing Committees as well as making several appointments to the Faculty Legislature. The Committee on Committees had one resignation in the fall of 2006, and in accordance with the Bylaws, appointed a replacement.

**Administrative Requests.** The Committee nominated or appointed Senate members to numerous administrative committees and boards, including the Advisory Committee on Campus Access, Campus Elections Committee, Chemical Safety, Counseling Services Advisory Board, Devereux Property Advisory Committee, Events Center Advisory Board, Green Initiative Fund, Guest House Committee, Income and Recharge, Isla Vista Commission, Library Building Committee, Parking Rate Payers Board, Press Council, Public Safety, Student Resource Building Governance Board, Transportation Alternatives Board, and the UCEN Governance Board. We also made nominations for the Exercise and Sports Studies Ad Hoc Review Committee, the Writing Program Ad Hoc Review Committee, and approved the nominations for the Program Review Panel.

**Search Committees.** The Committee nominated Senate members for a variety of search committees, including the following: Associate Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, Chancellor’s Advisory Search Committee for MLPS Dean, Counseling Center Director, Director of Business Services, Director of Equal Opportunity, Director of Transportation and Parking Services, Disabled Students Program Director, and Executive Director of Associated Students.

**University Committee on Committees.** The Committee’s representative to the University Committee on Committees, Professor Harvey Sharrer, attended three meetings of the UCOC and another member, Charles Bazerman, participated in one teleconference during the year. These representatives kept us well
appraised of UC-wide issues, including several on which we gave input or made nominations for Divisional Representatives. We thank them for this service.

**Diversity Issues.** As in previous years, the Committee continued its efforts to foster and improve all aspects of diversity on Standing and Administrative Committees, including gender and ethnic representation. We made a special effort to bring associate professors and newly tenured faculty into university service, as well as to engage more senior faculty whose service has been less than it might be.

**Divisional Election System to the Committee on Committees.** We would like to endorse the new divisional election system to the Committee on Committees, with positions delegated to the Sciences and Engineering, Humanities and Creative Studies, and Social Sciences and Education. This structure serves the campus well by ensuring that there are two faculty familiar with each of these broad areas on the Committee.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

No committee can function at its full potential without dedicated staff. In this we were doubly blessed. As past committees have, this year’s Committee on Committees expresses its gratitude to Ellen Friedkin, Staff Advisor to the Committee, who retired in December 2006. Ellen’s institutional memory, knowledge of the campus, familiarity with Senate Bylaws, and diplomacy were invaluable to the Committee. These special qualities were substantially continued when Stephanie Smagala became our Staff Advisor in January. We are grateful to both of them, and feel fortunate that Stephanie will continue in this capacity in 2007-8.

As always, the Committee encourages Senate members to volunteer for Senate service, and it urges the faculty to accept appointments to Standing Committees and Councils, and to run for elected positions. In this way, the UC’s tradition of shared governance, and the critical role played by the faculty, is upheld and strengthened.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Chuck Bazerman, Education  
Forrest Brewer, Electrical and Chemical Engineering  
Susan Mazer, Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology  
Harvey Sharrer, Spanish and Portuguese  
Leslie Wilson, Biochemistry, Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology  
Kim Yasuda, Art  
John Foran, Chair, Sociology