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. During the past year, the Committee conducted the following business via email.

**GGSE Bylaw Revision**

RJE reviewed and granted preliminary endorsement of a proposal from the GGSE Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) to revise the bylaw governing its membership. One RJE member recommended several clarifying revisions to the text beyond those requested by the FEC. These suggestions were forwarded along with the proposal for final action by the Faculty Legislature.

**Report of the Task Force on Senate Membership**

RJE members reviewed the Report of the Task Force on Senate Membership and forwarded comments to the Senate Chair.

**2010-11 Divisional Election**

In consultation with RJE, an election was electronically conducted by the Senate office to fill three open positions on the Committee on Committees. There was one slot open in each of the three designated disciplinary areas. Since no candidates were nominated by the faculty in the Math, Life, and Physical Sciences Division or the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, it fell upon the Committee on Committees to appoint a Senate member to fill the Area A position.

Two candidates were nominated by faculty in the Humanities and Fine Arts Division and the College of Creative Studies. All Senate faculty from this disciplinary area were invited to cast a vote for either Sylvester Ogbechie (History of Art and Architecture) or Erika Rappaport (History). Professor Rappaport was elected to fill the Area C position.

Kum Kum Bhavnani was the single candidate nominated by faculty in the Social Science Division and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. Thus, upon reporting the overall results of the election to the Faculty Legislature, there was a request for additional nominations from the floor to fill the Area B position. As no one came forward, Professor Bhavnani was elected.

**Proposed Revision of Letters and Science Faculty Bylaws**

RJE endorsed a proposal from the L&S Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) to revise the bylaw pertaining to the election of its members, which is located in Part III, Appendix I of the Senate Manual. Membership on the L&S FEC is currently legislated as a two-year term of service. In an effort to increase efficiency and build on member experience and expertise, the FEC proposed that the length of term be increased to three years. It was also proposed that the current practice of conducting elections for unexpired portions of terms be discontinued, and that such positions be filled via elections for full three-year terms. Thirdly, it was proposed that, when a vacancy occurs after the annual general election, the FEC chair will recommend one or more candidates to the Committee on Committees (COC), which will appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until the next general election takes place. Finding the proposed changes to be both clear and consistent with systemwide bylaws, RJE recommended that they be forwarded to the Faculty Legislature for final action.
Note: The Legislature agreed that allowing the FEC chair to recommend candidates to COC would grant a privilege that has not been afforded to any other Senate body, and that such a practice could lead to perceived conflict of interest. The Legislature therefore declined to approve that aspect of the proposal, but did approve the other two changes.

**Departmental Representation within the Faculty Legislature**

RJE was asked to consider making interpretive revisions to Divisional Bylaw 45.B., which governs the membership structure of the Faculty Legislature.

Since some departments have large numbers of faculty who hold joint appointments, and Bylaw 45 was not clear on whether these faculty should be counted as members of all constituencies to which they have been appointed, RJE was asked to rule on whether Faculty Legislature representation should be based on head count or the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Senate members who reside in each Department. RJE members agreed that representation should be based on FTE count and that the bylaw should be revised to reflect this distinction.

Due to increasing fluctuation in the number of Senate members who are included in departmental constituencies from year to year, RJE was also asked to consider how often the constituency of the Faculty Legislature should be reapportioned. Having been informed that the Senate maintains an automated system for continually updating departmental FTE counts, RJE recommended that reapportionment be conducted on an annual basis. Bylaw 45 previously mandated that this process should take place at least every five years, but has since been revised to state that reapportionment must be conducted at least every three years. However, the Senate administration has agreed to update the constituency of the Faculty Legislature on an annual basis.

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