

COMMITTEE ON RULES, JURISDICTION AND ELECTIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

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.

Student Representatives on Faculty Executive Committees

RJE was asked to review a set of proposed revisions to the bylaws for the Faculty Executive Committees (FECs) of the College of Letters and Science, the College of Engineering, and the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. The revisions were drafted in response to Senate leadership's request that the groups consider codifying the routine practice of having student representatives participate in FEC meetings. In its review, RJE found the proposed wording to be acceptable and in accord with all campus and university policies.

Senate Regulation (SR) 682 – Residence and Length of Study

RJE was asked to consider proposed amendments to Senate Regulation 682, which specifies the interval between the filing of advancement to candidacy for a Master's degree and the conferral of the degree. The proposed revision would eliminate the requirements that a student file in the academic term prior to the one in which the student anticipates completing his or her work for the degree, allowing individual graduate divisions to decide the timeframe for advancement to candidacy. RJE saw no policy or legislative issues, and had no objections to the proposed changes.

2014-15 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 three Senate Assembly Representatives and three members of the Committee on Committees.

A total of 9 faculty members were nominated for the position of Senate Assembly Representative; 8 nominations were declined or did not receive the requisite number of endorsements. As there were three open positions, a ballot was not conducted. Professors Charles Akemann, of Mathematics and Eric Matthys, of Mechanical Engineering, were appointed as Senate Assembly Representatives, effective September 1, 2015. The third representative has yet to be appointed.

A total of 16 faculty members were nominated to serve on the Committee on Committees, 13 nominations were declined or did not receive the requisite number of endorsements.

For Area C (College of Letters and Science – Humanities and Fine Arts Division and College of Creative Studies) there was only one nominee, Professor Juan Campo of Religious Studies. Given that Professor Campo received the requisite number of endorsements and was unopposed, he was appointed to serve as a member of the Committee on Committees, effective September 1, 2015.

For Area A (College of Letters and Science – Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences Division and Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management) there were two

nominees for one available position. A ballot was conducted February 18-March 4, 2015 with the following results:

Stuart Sweeney (Geography) – 71.70%

Yuedong Wang (Statistics and Applied Probability) – 28.30%

Professor Stuart Sweeney was elected to serve as a member of the Committee on Committees, effective September 1, 2015.

The remaining open position in Area B (College of Letters and Science – Social Sciences Division and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education) was filled by Committee on Committees appointment as all nominations were declined or did not receive the requisite number of endorsements. Professor Eric Smith, of Political Science, was appointed effective September 1, 2015.

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