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.

**Posthumous Graduate Degrees**
RJE was asked to consider the proposed establishment of a divisional regulation pertaining to the award of posthumous graduate degrees. The proposed regulation would specify the necessary requirements for the award of a doctoral degree, master’s degree, or certificate of progress. In its review, RJE found the proposed wording to be acceptable and in accord with all campus and university policies. Santa Barbara Regulation (SBR) 600 was approved by the Faculty Legislature at its meeting of January 28, 2016.

**Proposed Changes to Bylaw 95**
RJE was asked to review proposed amendments to the bylaw for the Committee on Diversity and Equity (CDE). Divisional Bylaw 95 was written to include the “Campus Affirmative Action Officer” as an ex-officio member. As the Office of Equal Opportunity & Sexual Harassment/Title IX Compliance was recently re-organized into two separate offices: the Equal Opportunity & Discrimination Prevention Office and the Title IX & Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance Office, it was proposed that the directors of both offices be identified as ex-officio members in the bylaw. RJE saw no policy or legislative issues, and had no objections to the proposed amendments. The changes to Bylaw 95 were approved by the Faculty Legislature at its meeting of June 2, 2016.

**2015-16 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 a Divisional Chair, three Senate Assembly Representatives, and four members of the Committee on Committees.

**Divisional Chair**
A total of 5 faculty members were nominated for the position of Divisional Chair; 1 nomination was declined or did not receive the requisite number of endorsements. As there were 4 nominees for 1 available position, a ballot was conducted February 1-March 3, 2016, with the following results:

- Henning Bohn (Economics) – 40.66%
- Shivkumar Chandrasekaran (Electrical and Computer Engineering) – 16.07%
- Eric Matthys (Mechanical Engineering) – 13.77%
- Robert J. Williams (History of Art and Architecture) – 29.51%

Professor Henning Bohn, of Economics was elected to serve as Divisional Chair, effective September 1, 2016.
**Senate Assembly Representatives**
A total of 3 faculty members were nominated for the position of Senate Assembly Representative; 2 nominations were declined or did not receive the requisite number of endorsements. As there were 3 open positions, a ballot was not conducted. Professor Bjorn Birnir, of Mathematics, received the requisite number of endorsements and was appointed to serve as a Senate Assembly Representative. Julie Carlson, of English and Andrew Norris, of Political Science were appointed by the Committee on Committees. All three appointments were effective September 1, 2016.

**Committee on Committees**
A total of 2 faculty members were nominated to serve on the Committee on Committees, 2 nominations were declined or did not receive the requisite number of endorsements. The 4 open positions, listed below, were filled by Committee on Committees appointment, effective September 1, 2016.

| **Dennis Clegg**, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and Biomolecular Science and Engineering Program | Area A: College of Letters and Science Mathematical, Life and Physical Sciences Division and Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management |
| **Diane Fujino**, Asian American Studies | Area B: College of Letters and Science Social Sciences Division and Gevirtz Graduate School of Education |
| **Jane Mulfinger**, Art | Area C: College of Letters and Science Humanities and Fine Arts Division and College of Creative Studies |
| **Bassam Bamieh**, Mechanical Engineering | Area D: College of Engineering |