

COMMITTEE ON RULES, JURISDICTION, AND ELECTIONS

Annual Report 2023-24

To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

The Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections (CRJE) met two times during the fall and winter quarters, and once during the spring quarter in 2023-24. This report summarizes the Committee's work during the year.

I. Guidance on Divisional Senate Bylaws and Regulations

A. Santa Cruz Regulation 11.6

The Committee reviewed a proposed revision to Santa Cruz Regulation 11.6 regarding Dean's Honors recognition presented by the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP). The Committee did not find issues of conformity with existing policy. The Committee had some concerns regarding the ability of students in the University Part Time Program to be eligible for quarterly Dean's Honors on the basis of a single 5-unit class. While the Committee shared in the spirit of the proposed revision, the committee thought that such a low number of units presented an imprecise measurement of overall performance. Instead of evaluating the student each quarter, the Registrar might wait to evaluate Dean's Honors eligibility until the student has accumulated 12 units, and only then evaluate students for Honors. This proposed solution implied applying Honors to all relevant quarters retroactively, not only the most recent one.

This proposal aligned with the guiding principle of the University Part Time Program, which is designed to grant eligible students flexibility as pertains to the time to complete their coursework, and not the amount of work they need to complete it. The work necessary to reach Dean's Honors - 12 credits - would be kept constant, and the only variable would have been the amount of time that was used to complete the 12 credits. This averaged system would have provided a more accurate and stable measurement of student performance - to the benefit of scholarly standards as well as to the benefit of students, who would have faced fewer oscillations on their transcript across quarters.

CEP responded with proposed language that we agreed would be the best option i.e. "that students taking less than 10 units may be eligible" for honors.

B. Proposed Revisions to Santa Cruz Bylaw 13.12 et seq.

The committee reviewed proposed amendments to the charge for the Committee on Diversity Equity and Inclusion (CODEI) and found no issues of conformity with existing policy.

II. Divisional and Systemwide Reviews

In addition to the items listed above, CRJE provided comment on the following requests for review.

Divisional

- Campus Academic Personnel Manual subsection 103.500

Systemwide

- Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 55.B
- Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-50: Controlled Substances Use In Research and Teaching
- Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 - Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management

III. Updates of the Santa Cruz Division Manual

The following updates were made for the 2023-24 manual of the Santa Cruz Division. There are two classes of changes.

Changes due to divisional legislation

- Santa Cruz Regulation 11.6
- Santa Cruz Bylaw 13.12 et seq.

Conforming changes

- Santa Cruz Bylaw 13.25.3
- Santa Cruz Bylaw 14.1
- Santa Cruz Regulation 10.2.2.2
- Santa Cruz Regulation 12.1.1
- Santa Cruz Regulation 12.1.2
- Santa Cruz Regulation 12.1.3
- Santa Cruz Regulation 12.2.a
- Santa Cruz Regulation 12.3.1
- Appendix C.IV.E
- Appendix D.IV.C,D, F-I
- Appendix D.VIII.A
- Appendix D.XII
- Cowell College Bylaw 3.2.3
- Stevenson College Bylaw 4.2
- Merrill College Bylaw 5.3.2
- Merrill College Bylaw 6.1.4
- Porter College Bylaw 2.2.5
- Kresge College Bylaw 3.2.3
- Oakes College Bylaw 4.2.2
- College Nine Bylaw 2.4.4
- John R. Lewis College Bylaws 2.4.4 & 6.2.3

IV. Elections and Ballots

Committee on Committees Elections

CRJE reviewed the elections for the Committee on Committees which yielded two (2) candidates for the two (2) open positions. SCB 11.4 specifies that “If the number of nominees is equal to the number of places to be filled, all the nominees will be declared elected.”

Respectfully submitted,

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