

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**  
**Proposed Change to Santa Cruz Bylaw 13.28**

**To: The Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division**

**A. Bylaw 13.28.1 Committee on Rules Jurisdiction and Elections (RJ&E)**

Committee on Committees, in consultation with Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections (RJ&E) proposes to augment the membership of RJ&E from four members to five. Justification for this change is based on workload, ability to achieve a quorum, and continuity of membership. RJ&E has experienced an increase in workload over the past few years, and some issues take extensive research. An additional member will help complete the work in a timely way. Also, there is now enough activity that the Senate Manual should be updated annually rather than biennially, as is currently the practice.

The inability to achieve a quorum can cause delay for any committee, but several obstacles make it especially difficult for RJ&E to do so consistently. Due to the current small size of the committee, if one member must recuse him or herself because of departmental or other affiliation, or is unable to attend for any reason, every other members must be present. The scheduling of most RJ&E meetings is prescribed by the Senate's legislative deadlines. The unforgiving nature of this scheduling can not always accommodate faculty schedules. The proposed augmentation does not change the number necessary for quorum, which is still three, but will make a quorum easier to achieve.

RJ&E addresses complex issues. It can take time for new members to come up to speed. COC believes that with a membership of five, it will be easier to have balanced turnover at least two continuing members on the committee every year.

<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>13.28 Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections</b>	<b>13.28 Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections</b>
<b>13.28.1</b> There are four Santa Cruz Division members.	<b>13.28.1</b> There are <del>four</del> five Santa Cruz Division members.

Respectfully submitted,

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