

Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections
Divisional Legislative Interpretation 2008.2.A

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The legislative interpretations made by the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections in 2007-08 are reported here. As per Santa Cruz Divisional Bylaw (SCB) 13.28.4, we request that this report be adopted by the Senate.

2008.2.A Privileges of non-members of committees listed in the bylaws.

The Bylaws for the various standing committees list people as being “invited to sit with” the committee. The privileges of such people are not defined in the Bylaws. Sturgis' Rules of Procedure recognizes three categories of attendees in a meeting: voting members, non-voting members and invitees. Absent any other definition in the Bylaws, people invited to sit with a committee are interpreted as belonging to the third category in Sturgis. They are invited by default, with no committee vote being needed. However, as with all invitees, as per Sturgis the committee retains the right to rescind the invitation to these people for any meeting, either individually or as a group.

The Bylaws also list “representatives” for various standing committees. Again, their privileges are not given in the Bylaws, and therefore they have to be considered as belonging to one of the categories defined in Sturgis. It is not *a priori* clear whether representatives should be treated as invitees or as non-voting members. However, the phrase “non-voting member” was changed to “non-voting representative” in 1999 by CRJE. Since CRJE is only authorized to make non-substantive changes as per SCB 13.28.5, representatives are non-voting members. As per Sturgis, among other privileges, representatives cannot be excluded from a committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted;
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