

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Amendment to Chapter 13**

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

At its meeting in February 2009, the Senate voted to return to committee a proposed change to Chapter 13. The current version corrects for the criticisms expressed at that meeting while retaining the original intent to enable voting members to conduct an executive session. As per the Committee on Rules Jurisdiction and Election interpretation accepted by the Senate at its February 2009 meeting, representatives are non-voting members.

Representatives and other persons from many campus constituencies are on Senate committees and their skills and knowledge are an asset to committee deliberations. The Committee on Committees (COC) has noted that an unintended consequence of the Senate’s adoption of the “Sturgis Code of Parliamentary Procedure” in 2005 was the elimination of a readily available “executive session” mechanism for Senate committees. This amendment defines an executive session for committees which gives Senators, when necessary, the ability to deliberate and conduct business among voting members and seeks to clarify a committee’s ability to adopt, through a majority vote, an executive session if appropriate to issues that may arise.

The Senate Chair will not participate in a committee’s executive session (see Senate Bylaw 4.1 for rights of the Senate Chair to attend committee meetings).

Current wording

Proposed wording

<p>13.4.1 Membership. All voting members of all committees must be members of the Santa Cruz Division. Representatives who sit with Standing Committees as provided in these Bylaws are non-voting representatives and shall be appointed by such bodies as may be recognized by the Divisional Committee on Committees. Representatives include undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and non-senate teaching faculty. Persons who are not members of the Academic Senate may be invited to sit with Standing Committees as non-voting representatives as provided elsewhere in this Chapter.</p>	<p>13.4.1 Membership. All voting members of all committees must be members of the Santa Cruz Division. <u>Representatives are non-voting members of the committee. Other persons invited to sit with Standing Committees are not members of the committee.</u> Representatives who sit with Standing Committees as provided in these Bylaws are non-voting representatives and shall be appointed by such bodies as may be recognized by the Divisional Committee on Committees. Representatives include undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and non-senate teaching faculty. Persons who are not members of the Academic Senate may be invited to sit with Standing Committees as non-voting representatives as provided elsewhere in this Chapter.</p> <p><i>(after renumbering, insert the following)</i></p>
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	<p>13.4.2 <u>Representatives.</u> Representatives who sit with on Standing Committees as provided in these Bylaws are non-voting representatives and shall be appointed by such bodies as may be recognized by the Divisional Committee on Committees. Representatives include undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and non-senate teaching faculty. Persons who are not members of the Academic Senate <u>Representatives have the right to participate in committee deliberations except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.4</u></p> <p>13.4.3 Invitees: As provided elsewhere in this Chapter, other persons may be invited to sit with Standing Committees. as non-voting representatives</p> <p><u>13.4.4 Executive Session: The voting members of committees in this chapter may call for an executive session by a majority vote, which is a session of the committee open only to voting members of the committee, the proceedings of which are confidential.</u></p>
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Respectfully submitted;
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