The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, as charged in Irvine Bylaw 125, reviewed legislation to be presented for action to the Divisional Senate Assembly to verify conformity with the format and content of the Code of the Academic Senate and advised the Division, its Officers, Committees, Faculties, and members in matters of organization, jurisdiction, and interpretation of legislation of the Academic Senate and its agencies. CRJ held no formal meetings; it conducted its reviews electronically.

I. Proposed Revisions to Irvine Bylaws

Irvine Bylaw 137. Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools

The Council on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS) submitted a proposed revision to its membership which would add one Associate Dean from the Council on Undergraduate Council, and one Director of Undergraduate Affairs from the UC Irvine Directors of Undergraduate Affairs. The proposed new members would be non-voting ex officios. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction endorsed the revision of IB 137 and determined that the change conforms to the Code of the Academic Senate. The Senate Cabinet did not approve the proposed revision, and suggested that the two new members be added as consultants. The Chair of CUARS agreed to try this option and withdrew the proposed revision. (CRJ Memo 3/15/11)

II. Proposed Revisions to Irvine Regulations

Irvine Regulation 520. General Education Requirement, and Removal of Category IX, Laboratory or Performance, from the General Education Requirements

The Council on Educational Policy (CEP) submitted a proposed revision to Irvine Regulation 520, Category IX. CEP has conducted a review of General Education, both as a part of the WASC-mandated assessment and in response to a recommendation from the Task Force on Curricular Alternatives. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction agreed that the proposed revision was reasonable, endorsed the revision of IR 520, and determined that the change conforms to the Code of the Academic Senate. (CRJ Memo 11/29/10)(The proposed revision was approved by the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly on 1/27/11.)

Irvine Regulation 520. General Education Requirement, and Category V, Quantitative, symbolic, and Computational Reasoning

The Council on Educational Policy (CEP) submitted a proposed revision to Irvine Regulation 520, Category V. CEP noted that the regulation is lacking key elements from the Plan for General Education as approved by the Assembly on 6/7/07. CEP also noted that the Senate approved a resolution clarifying the role of CEP in approving General Education course based on a memo from 2/7/08, and CEP requested that this wording
should also be included in the Senate regulations. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction agreed that the proposed revision was reasonable, endorsed the revision of IR 520, Category V and determined that the change conforms to the Code of the Academic Senate. (CRJ Memo 3/15/11)(The proposed revision was approved by the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly on 3/17/11.)

Irvine Regulation 386. Credit Hour Unit Limit (Undergraduate)
The Council on Educational Policy (CEP) proposed a new Irvine Regulation to establish a policy limiting the number of credit hours UCI undergraduate students can take to graduate. Following an exchange of questions, comments and revisions, the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction endorsed the proposed new IR 386 and agreed that it conforms to the Code of the Academic Senate. (CRJ Memo 5/27/11)(The proposed new Irvine Regulation was approved by the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly on 6/2/11.)

Irvine Regulation 515. Residence Requirement
The Council on Educational Policy submitted a conforming change to IR 515 and noted that the Irvine regulation is out of compliance with Senate Regulation 630. The phrase “. . . , or the UC Center in Sacramento Program. . . .” was added. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction endorsed the conforming change and determined that it is consistent with the Code of the Academic Senate. (CRJ Memo 4/11/11)(The Irvine Senate Manual was updated on 7/11/11.)

III. Proposed Revisions to Appendices to the Irvine Senate Manual

Proposed Revision to Irvine Appendix VIII. UCI Academic Senate Policy on Academic Honesty.
The proposed revision was submitted by the Council on Student Experience. In response to CRJ’s comments, a revised revision was resubmitted. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction endorsed the proposed revision and found it to be consistent with the Code of the Academic Senate. (CRJ memo 4/20/11) (The proposed revision will be placed on the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly’s first fall quarter agenda for review/approval.)

Proposed Revision to Irvine Appendix I. Faculty Bylaws, Chapter 6. School of Humanities
The School of Humanities submitted an updated version of its Faculty Bylaws. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction endorsed the updated version and found it to be consistent with the Code of the Academic Senate. (The updated version was published on the Irvine Senate Manual on 7/11/11.)

IV. Proposed revisions to UC Senate Bylaws
None
V. CRJ Rulings

None

VI. Other Issues

UCR&J Legislative Rulings of 3/2/11 (Item 5)
CRJ received an information item from the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction regarding the interpretation of the Standing Order of the Regents 105.2, which concerns Senate authority over professional schools. (UC Senate memo 1/4/11)

A request from the Dean of the School of Physical Sciences
Dean Kenneth Janda inquired “into the legality of allowing the best students in a class to grade the homework for the other students in the class on a volunteer basis.” CRJ consulted UCR&J and its response included: 1) Under the current ASE Labor Contract, whoever acts as a reader or assistant must be appointed and paid as an employee. Student volunteers can be construed as a grievable, unfair labor practice in violation of the ASE Labor Contract. 2) UCR&J also cited Senate Regulation 750 (E) which was designed to eliminate real or apparent conflicts of interest between student peers in regard to academic judgment. (CRJ memo 6/9/11)

On behalf of the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction,

Sven Bernecker, Chair

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