

**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2015 – 2016**

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. The committee held a couple of formal meetings and conducted its reviews electronically.

Committee Members:

James V. Jester, Ophthalmology Research, Chair  
Kevork Abazajian, Physical Sciences  
Scott Atwood, Biological Sciences (began in winter 2016)  
Elizabeth Bennett, Ex- Officio, University Registrar  
Dan Hirschberg, ICS  
Shin Lin, Developmental & Cell Biology  
Ming Tan, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics

CRJ made the following recommendations on proposed modifications to bylaws, regulations, and appendices, for consideration by the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly 2015-16:

**I. Irvine Bylaws**

**a. Bylaw 138- Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience**

On February 10, 2016, CRJ approved the proposal to modify Bylaw 138 as proposed by the Council on Student Experience, to be renamed the Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience. The conforming changes also addressed the adoption of the Senate Policy on Academic Integrity from spring 2015, as well as changes in department names.

**b. Bylaw 100- Graduate Council**

On March 21, 2016, CRJ approved the proposal to modify Bylaw 100, following its second review. The conforming changes more accurately and comprehensively reflect the work of the Graduate Council.

**c. Bylaw 40- Faculties**

On May 11, 2016, CRJ approved the proposal to modify Bylaw 40. The conforming changes allowed for stand-alone programs containing Senate Faculty to have representation at the Divisional Senate Assembly and require such programs to submit their governance bylaws to the Division. However, after further investigation of the modifications and its ramifications, CRJ rescinded its recommendation on June 2, 2016. After meeting with the Senate Chair and Chair- elect, CRJ submitted a final recommendation to null and void any action taken on Bylaw 40 in 2015-16.

## II. Irvine Regulations

### a. Regulation 450- Persons in Charge of Courses

The proposed revisions to Regulation 450.B emerged as a result of the Senate's 2013 review of a proposal to approve Clinical X and Health Sciences Clinical faculty to serve as mentors for undergraduate students in Biological Sciences 199. Based on continued review and discussion of this bylaw, a proposal was made to modify Regulation 450.B to conform to Systemwide Regulation 750.B. CRJ forwarded their recommendation to the Senate Cabinet. This proposal has been tabled, based on various Senate discussions, to the November 1, 2016 Cabinet meeting.

### b. Regulation 520- General Education Requirement

On May 11, 2016, CRJ approved the proposal to modify Regulation 520. The conforming changes omit a reference to a now non-existent GE category, Laboratory & Performance. The Divisional Senate Assembly approved the proposal at its June 2, 2016 meeting, recommending minor language changes. CRJ is continuing their review and anticipate forwarding their recommendation for consideration by the Divisional Senate Assembly in time for their next meeting.

## III. Appendices

### a. Appendix I. Bylaws of the Faculties, Chapter I: The Paul Merage School of Business

On April 4, 2016, CRJ approved the proposal to modify The Paul Merage School of Business bylaws.

## IV. CRJ Rulings

### a. CPT Recusal Policy

At the request of CPT, CRJ reviewed the committee's newly proposed recusal policy and recommended that CPT uses the term "must recuse" in the circumstances cited. In addition, CRJ suggested that the committee should consider placing a time limit on the conditions listed in circumstance 3. As discussed by the committee, many review panels, including the NIH and NSF, CRJ also suggested that the restriction on collaboration be lifted if longer than 5 years for review of grants. (10/20/2015)

### b. Language and Procedural Questions

CRJ received a request from UCI's Academic Senate Executive Director to review the language and procedures concerning changes in bylaws and the usage of "revise" vs. "amend." CRJ reviewed Irvine Bylaw 175, Modification of Legislation, section A. and interpreted this statement to indicate that "amend" is used when "revisions" are approved by the Assembly. (12/04/2015)

### c. Revisions to MCB Gateway Graduate Program Bylaws

At the request of the Graduate Council, CRJ reviewed the proposed revisions to the Mathematical and Computational Biology (MCB) Gateway Graduate Program Bylaws, specific to Sections 4 (Governance), 5.2 (Continuing Training), and 7 (Trainee Admissions and Recruitment). The proposed language modifications were specific to the program's administrative authority, provisions and financial responsibilities for its students. Although, CRJ made a positive recommendation, these bylaws regulate the graduate work of the Division and, thus, were sent back to Graduate Council for further review of quality and appropriateness. (2/24/2016)

**d. College of Health Sciences Bylaws**

CRJ received a letter from Senate Chair Terricciano on March 7, 2016 concerning the governance of the College of Health Sciences (CoHS). Following a meeting with Senate Chair Terricciano and Executive Director Schonfeld on March 8, 2016, CRJ Chair Jester undertook a review of the CoHS governance and identified two problems with the current state of affairs. Chair Jester responded to Senate Chair Terricciano on March 24, 2016, stating his concerns and recommendations.

**e. Proposed Bylaws for Program in Public Health**

On May 23, 2016, CRJ approved the proposal for new bylaws for the Program in Public Health and forwarded their recommendation for consideration by the Divisional Senate Assembly.

**f. Proposed Bylaws for Program in Nursing**

CRJ is continuing their review of the proposed bylaws for program in nursing and anticipate forwarding their recommendation for consideration by the Divisional Senate Assembly in time for their next meeting.

**V. Review of UC Senate Bylaws: *None***