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2005-06 Annual Report
Committee on Rules and Elections

In fulfilling its charge as established in the bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Rules and Elections (R&E) carried out the following activities. The chair of R&E during 2005-06 was Professor Daniel Melia, Secretary of the Division.

Note: items are listed chronologically in each section. Dates in parentheses, unless otherwise noted, indicate the date of committee correspondence about the item of business.

I. Division Elections

- The results of the spring 2006 Berkeley Division elections were as follows.
 - ▶ 384 valid ballots received.
 - ▶ Senate members elected to Divisional Council:
James Kirchner (Earth & Planetary Science),
Stephen Mahin (Civil & Environmental Engineering), and
Patricia Zambryski (Plant & Microbial Biology).
 - ▶ Senate members elected to the Committee on Committees:
Allen Goldstein (Environmental Science, Policy, & Management),
Thomas Laqueur (History),
Donald Mastronarde (Classics), and
Carlo Sequin (Electrical Engineering & Computer Science).
 - ▶ Senate members elected to the Committee on Committees in the College of Letters and Science:
George Brooks (Integrative Biology), and
Lucia Jacobs (Psychology).

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Proposed Amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaws and Regulations
R&E forwarded comments to Division Chair Alice Agogino about the following proposed amendments.
 - ▶ *Proposed amendments to Appendix II of the Manual of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate (9/14/05),*
 - ▶ *Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Regulation A208, Grade Points for University Extension "XB" courses (9/14/05),*
Note: The committee withdrew these proposed amendments for further consideration before it was placed on the Division meeting's consent calendar.
 - ▶ *Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaw 33.C, duties of the Committee on Courses of Instruction, and Berkeley Division Regulation A207, Grade Appeals (12/8/05),*
 - ▶ *Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Regulation A208, Grade Points for University Extension "XB" courses (2/6/06),*
 - ▶ *Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaw 2, Membership, and Berkeley Division Regulation 400.A.1, Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Chemistry (3/14/06), and*
 - ▶ *Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division Bylaw 24.B, Duties of the Committee on Research (3/15/06).*

- "Petitions of Students" on Division Meeting Agendas (per Senate Bylaw 315.C.1)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (3/1/06).

- Subcommittee on the American Cultures Breadth Requirement Guidelines
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (3/22/06).

- Committee on Academic Freedom concerns about APM 210 revisions
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (3/27/06).

- Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 185, Universitywide Committee on the Library
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Agogino (5/12/06).

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Proposed Regulations for the Minor offered by the Energy and Resources Graduate Group
Members found the proposed regulations to be consonant with Division and Senate regulations (9/6/05 meeting).

- Proposed Amendments to Committee Bylaws of the Graduate Council (in Appendix I of the Berkeley Division Manual)
Members found the proposed bylaws to be consonant with Division and Senate bylaws (11/1/05 meeting).
- Proposed Amendment to Regulation 100.D, Breadth Requirements of the College of Letters and Science
Members found the proposed regulation to be consonant with Division and Senate regulations (11/1/05 meeting).
- Structure of the Subcommittee on the Breadth Requirement in American Cultures
Members agreed that nothing prohibits the addition of “at least” in the footnote to Berkeley Division (BD) Regulation 300 so that it reads in part, “the Division orders its Committee on Committees to provide members for a panel of at least nine” or having the Subcommittee on the Breadth Requirement in American Cultures report to a committee other than the Committee on Educational Policy. The Berkeley Division would have to approve any changes to BD Regulation 300, including the footnote (12/6/05 meeting).

III. Unfinished Business

- Development of Conflict of Interest Procedures for the Divisional Council and Berkeley Division
At its meetings on 12/6/05, 2/14/06, and 3/14/06, members discussed and drafted conflict of interest procedures to guide Senate members when potential or actual conflicts of interest arise during the course of their Senate work. R&E presented draft guidelines to the Divisional Council (DIVCO) in February 2006, and DIVCO approved the guidelines. DIVCO then asked R&E to draft “default” conflict of interest guidelines for Senate committees. R&E will respond to this request in fall 2006.