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2008-09 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 2008-09 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 correspondence.

I. Division Elections

- The results of the spring 2009 Berkeley Division elections were as follows.
 - ▶ 404 valid ballots.
 - ▶ Senate members elected to Divisional Council:
Steven Goldsmith (English),
Mary Ann Mason (Social Welfare/Law), and
Bernard Sadoulet (Physics).
 - ▶ Senate members elected to the Committee on Committees:
Susanna Elm (History),
Costas Grigoropoulos (Mechanical Engineering),
Jonathan Leonard (Business), and
Susan Maslan (French).

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Electronic Notices for Division Meetings
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Mary Firestone (9/5/08).
- Proposed Amendments to Senate Bylaws 125.A.4, 128, and 130 –
UCAF Representation on Academic Council and Terms of UCAF

Chair

Comments forwarded to Division Chair Firestone (10/9/08).

- Proposed Amendment to Berkeley Division Regulation A251 (Disposition of Final Examinations)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Firestone (10/9/08).
- Senate Regulations and Graduate-level Certificates
Comments forwarded to Graduate Council Chair Ronald Cohen (10/24/08).
- Inquiry regarding Senate Regulation 735 and Berkeley Certificates
Letter sent to University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UC R&J) Chair Daniel Hirschberg (11/6/08).
- Inquiry regarding Standing Order of the Regents 105.1(a) and Academic Senate Membership
Letter sent to UC R&J Chair Hirschberg (11/7/08).
- Inquiry regarding Senate Regulation 686 and Academic Residency for Concurrent Master's Degrees
Letter sent to UC R&J Chair Hirschberg (12/15/08).
 - ▶ *Response forwarded to Graduate Council Chair Ronald Cohen (6/11/09).*
- Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulations that Govern Freshman Admission to UC
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Firestone (4/20/09).

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Allowing for Electronic Signatures on Electronic Nominating Petitions
At the 4/10/09 meeting, members agreed that it would be acceptable for a nominator to indicate their endorsement of a nomination by sending an e-mail, paper, or fax request to R&E staff that would allow staff to sign a petition on their behalf. Members reasoned that this would be a reasonably reliable indication of a nominator's wishes. They asked staff to investigate methods for allowing secure "e-signing."

III. Unfinished Business

None