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