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2015-16 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 2015-16 was Professor Daniel Melia, Secretary of the Division.

I. Division Elections

The results of the spring 2016 Berkeley Division elections were as follows.

- 578 valid ballots.
- Senate members receiving the highest number of votes for Divisional Council: Leslea Hlusko (Department of Integrative Biology), Christopher Kutz (Law/JSP), and Kris Pister (EECS). Professor Hlusko was later appointed chair of the Committee on Courses of Instruction so relinquished her seat on DIVCO. Subsequently, Satish Rao (Computer Science,) who received the next highest number of votes, was appointed to DIVCO by COMS.
- Senate members elected to the Committee on Committees: Marti Hearst (Information/Computer Science), Teresa Head-Gordon (Chemistry/Bioengineering), Patrick O'Grady (ESPM), and Lisa Garcia Bedolla (Education)

II. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- **Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division legislation**
 - Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division By-law 30 (CAPRA)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Benjamin Hermalin (10/15/15)
 - Proposed amendments to Berkeley Division By-law 35 (DECC)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Hermalin (10/20/15)
 - Proposed revisions to Berkeley Division Regulations 550, 551, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, and 563 (College of Engineering)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Hermalin (03/08/16)
 - Proposed revisions to Berkeley Division Regulation 602A (College of Environmental Design)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Hermalin (03/08/16)
- **Request for clarification regarding transfer credit**
Comments forwarded to College of Letters and Science (L&S) Interim Dean Bob Jacobsen (09/28/15)

- **Proposed amendment to Academic Senate Bylaw 140 (Affirmative Action and Diversity)**
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Hermalin (09/28/15)
- **Proposed amendments to Academic Senate Regulations 417 (college coursework) and 621 (Advanced Placement Examination Credit)**
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Hermalin (10/20/15)
- **Appointment process for Systemwide committee alternates**
Comments forwarded to Executive Director Andrea Green Rush (10/20/15)
- **Request for clarification on Berkeley Division Regulation 817 (L&S Honors with the Bachelor's Degree)**
Comments forwarded to Department of Physics Student Services Manager Claudia Trujillo (10/16/15)
- **Request for clarification of Berkeley Division Regulation A291 (Senior Residence)**
Comments forwarded to L&S Coordinator of Educational Policy Susan Cass (05/17/16)

B. Completed without Written Comment

- **Demonstration of new election platform**
Tom Killilea, Academic Senate IT Manager, gave a demonstration of the new in-house electronic election platform (09/09/15).
- **Timing for mail ballots**
R&E discussed issues related to timing of mail ballots falling outside of the academic year (05/11/16).

III. Unfinished Business

- **Minimum course grade for satisfying UC Entry Level Writing Requirement**
R&E requested that COCI review the issue and respond. COCI's response will be discussed in fall 2016.