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2024-25 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 2024-25 was Professor Carla Hesse, Secretary of the Division.

I. Division Elections

The results of the spring 2025 Berkeley Division elections were as follows.

- 616 ballots were cast in the first election.
- 429 ballots were cast in the runoff election for Divisional Council.
- Senate members elected to Divisional Council: Doris Bachtrog (Integrative Biology), Kristen Holmquist (Law), Deborah Blocker (French)
- Senate members elected to the Committee on Committees: Joseph Lewnard (Public Health), David Romps (Earth and Planetary Science), Elena Schneider (History), David Sraer (Business)

II. Legislative Business

A. Amendments to Berkeley Division legislation

- Conforming amendment to BDB 13 (Faculty Awards and Faculty Research Lecture were combined into Faculty Awards and Lectures)
- New BDR 820 Master of Fine Arts (renumbered from BDR 1510)
- New BDR 1003 Master of Computational Social Science (renumbered from BDR 1560)
- Amendments to BDB 2 Membership for consonance with amendments to SB 55 (Professor of Teaching series)
- Amendments to multiple BDRs (353, 404, 454, 502, 563, 604, 819, 877) for consonance with changes to SR 900 (academic notice and disqualification)
- Amendments to Title III Dismissal and Continued Enrollment and BDR A240 Dismissal for consonance with SR 900 re: academic disqualification
- Amendments to BDR A208 Grade Points for University Extension “XB” Courses for consonance with SR 900 and current FPF requirements

- Amendments to BDR A207 Grade Appeals to clarify COCI's role in re: sexual harassment and discrimination
- Amendment to BDR A207 Grade Appeals in re: ad hoc Grievance Committee student membership
- Amendment to BDR 551 Bachelor of Science Degree (COE residency)
- Amendments to BDB 1 Functions of the Berkeley Division
- Amendment to BDR A202 Replacement of I grades in response to implementation of federal public Law 117-328: Incomplete grading policy for service members called to active duty, training, or state service
- Amendments to BDR A202 Replacement of I Grades in re: deadline for completion of student work
- Amendment to BDB 47 Undergraduate Council (removal of CUSHFA Chair as ex officio member)
- Amendment to BDR 350 Admission (Haas Undergraduate)

B. Approved legislation for new degree programs

- BDR 822 Master of Biotechnology (M.B.T)
- BDR 883 Master of Climate Solutions (M.C.S)

C. Proposed amendments to Systemwide Senate legislation

- Proposed new Systemwide regulation SR 627 on Posthumous Awarding of Degrees
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Amani Nuru-Jeter (11/07/24)
- Proposed revisions to SR 479 on Cal-GETC
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (11/07/24)
- Proposed revisions to SB 170 (UCEP) and rescission of SB 192 (UCOPE)
Comments forwarded to Division Chair Nuru-Jeter (04/01/25)

III. Finished Business

A. Completed with Written Comment

- Interpretation of BDR A201 in re: use of Incomplete grades

*Comments forwarded to Engineering Director of Advising and Policy
Shareena Samson (12/03/24)*

- Clarification of BDR A202E in re: Incomplete grade limits for undergraduates

Comments forwarded to Registrar Sarah Reed (12/04/24)

- Use of I grades in Computer Science 10

Comments forwarded to COCI Chair David Landreth (04/01/25)

B. Completed without Written Comment

- Report on the State of Shared Governance at the University of California from 2023-24 (Systemwide Senate Chair James Steintrager) – reviewed at the 10/02/24 meeting
- Adding Appendix 1 to the Berkeley Division website – approved at the 11/13/24 meeting. NB: Appendix was added during summer 2025.

IV. Unfinished Business – None