

April 14, 2017

As requests for rulings regarding bylaws are the purview of the Committee and Rules and Jurisdiction, Senate Division Chair Rodriguez would like the Committee to opine and provide a response to the below email from SOBA.

Subject: Voting Rights and Privileges of Emeritae/i Faculty

Dear Kambiz,

My inquiry is prompted by a recent Notice of Election and Call for Nominations for SoBA 2017-2018. Basically, my question is if Emeritae/i Faculty (non-recalled) can vote on SoBA EC's membership.

According to Academic Senate Bylaws - D. Rights and Privileges of Emeritae/i Faculty. (En 4 May 95) http://senate.ucr.edu/bylaws/?action=read_bylaws&code=app§ion=04.00.55.04.00

Emeritae/i Faculty "... do not have the right to vote on departmental matters, except as provided in this Article D." Article D states that Emeritae/i, while recalled to service regain voting rights on all departmental matters (except personnel matter) and that additional privileges may be extended upon a majority vote by secret ballot of the total non-Emeritae/i Academic Senate membership of that department (the bylaw55 process). That is, unless the voting right was explicitly extended (for a particular year) by the school's Bylaw55, Emeritae/i Faculty cannot vote on membership in the EC.

SoBA-Bylaw 55 2016-17AY doesn't extend voting right to Emeritae/i Faculty. Now, SoBA bylaw (SOBA1.2) states that "Only voting members of the Academic Senate are eligible to vote in the Faculty of the School of Business Administration."

The senate analyst maintain that SOBA1.2 implies that Emeritae/I are eligible to vote on EC membership. I don't see how this is the case.

I am not sure if this is something the R&J committee handle. Can you advise me?

Also, the deadline to vote on the EC membership is May 5, 2017 so I hope to get clarification on voting eligibility before the voting is open.

Sincerely,

Rami Zwick

SoBA Senior Associate Dean