COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

November 9, 2021

To: Jason Stajich  
Chair, Riverside Division

From: Katie Ford  
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: R&J Ruling: BCOE Bylaw Regarding Election Eligibility of Potential Executive Committee Chair

Inquiry Received:  
Question with regards to the open election for the Bourns College of Engineering.

This position is announced as being for the completion of Philip Brisk’s unexpired term ending August 31, 2022. Is the person that is elected for the completion of this term eligible to be elected for the new term that starts on Sep 1, 2022?

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction considered the inquiry and replies as follows:

The bylaws stipulate a three-year term for the Executive Committee Chair, rendering them ineligible to immediately succeed themselves. In the case in question, the replacement Executive Committee Chair will only be elected to complete an unexpired term of less than one year. Because the replacement Chair will not be elected for a three-year term, the prohibition against immediate succession would not apply.

The committee rules that the replacement Executive Committee Chair (serving the duration of an unexpired term) would be eligible to run for a three-year term beginning in September 2022.

The committee suggests that BCoE revise their bylaws to explicitly address this matter to avoid any future confusion.