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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION** December 2,  
2025

**To Be Adopted**

**Proposed Changes to the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaws**  
(Bylaw 4.1.1.1: Committee List)

**PRESENT:**

4.1.1.1. The term of office of the Chair of the Faculty is two years, elected in even years. The term of office ~~of~~ members of the Executive Committee is three years. The five members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Chemistry; Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology; Molecular, Cell and Systems Biology; Nematology and Environmental Sciences are elected in the same year; the four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Earth Sciences, Physics and Astronomy, Microbiology and Plant Pathology and Statistics are elected in the same year; the four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biochemistry, Botany and Plant Sciences, Entomology, and Mathematics are elected in the same year. (Am 3 Feb 83)(Am 27 May 93)(Am 30 May 06)(Am 20 Nov 07)(Am 30 Nov.10)(An 5 Dec 2017)

**PROPOSED:**

4.1.1.1. The term of office of the Chair of the Faculty is two years, elected in even years. The term of office for the members of the Executive Committee is three years. The five members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Chemistry; Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology; Molecular, Cell and Systems Biology; Nematology and Environmental Sciences are elected in the same year. The four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Earth and Planetary Sciences; Physics and Astronomy; Microbiology and Plant Pathology; and Statistics are elected in the same year. The four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biochemistry; Botany and Plant Sciences; Entomology; and Mathematics are elected in the same year. (Am 3 Feb 83)(Am 27 May 93)(Am 30 May 06)(Am 20 Nov 07)(Am 30 Nov.10)(An 5 Dec 2017)

**Statement of Purpose and Effect:** To bring the department name "Earth Sciences" into alignment with the Department name change approved by the Division in February 2019 to "Earth & Planetary Sciences."

Submitted by Senate Executive Office:

August 7, 2025

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Approved by the CNAS Faculty Executive Committee on 11/4/25, 11/11/25

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the

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## *Academic Senate*

### **COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION**

Date: October 8, 2025

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Randolph C. Head, Chair  
Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Head".

**Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Changes to the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaws (Bylaw 4.1.1.1: Committee List)**

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has carefully considered the proposed draft of the Proposed Changes to the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaws (Bylaw 4.1.1.1: Committee List).

The Committee appreciates that the proposed bylaw changes are meant to bring the department names into alignment with the department name change approved by the Division. With this, R&J believes the proposed regulations would benefit from modest modifications to increase clarity and consistency. The committee conditionally approves of these bylaw changes provided these changes are made.

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction offers the following to assist in the above and to ensure overall document consistency:

The punctuation of the lists of departments for the three election cycles are all different and somewhat confusing. The punctuation should be consistent across groups, as well as conforming to the style guide set by the registrar (<https://registrar.ucr.edu/crs/style#commas>).

\*Please note: aspects of the suggested modifications are shown in color only for reference. Items should not appear in color in the actual proposal.

#### **Suggestion:**

4.1.1.1 The five members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Chemistry; Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology; Molecular, Cell and Systems Biology; Nematology; and Environmental Sciences are elected in the same year. The four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Earth and Planetary Sciences; Physics and Astronomy; Microbiology and Plant Pathology; and Statistics are elected in the same year. The four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biochemistry; Botany and Plant Sciences; Entomology; and Mathematics are elected in the same year.



November 4th, 2025

TO: Kenneth N. Barish, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Harry Tom, Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

SUBJECT: [Campus Review] Bylaw Change: Proposed Changes to the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences Bylaws (Bylaw 4.1.1.1: Committee List)

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed changes to CNAS Bylaw 4.1.1.1: Committee List and has no objections to the proposed change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Tom".

Harry Tom, Ph.D

Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences