

Attachments: Approved Courses Bylaw 08.10.02
Clarification re Divisions in proposal

**COMMITTEE ON COURSES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
December 5, 2023**

To Be Adopted:

Proposed Changes to Charge of the Committee on Courses (Bylaw 08.10.02)

PRESENT:

08.10.01

This committee consists of a minimum of ~~eight~~ members, ~~normally~~ with at least one member representing each of the areas: humanities, social sciences, biological sciences, and physical sciences, and each of the colleges/schools. One member of the Committee on Courses is also a member of the Committee on Educational Policy. (Am 22 May 86)(Am 25 May 95)(Am 30 Nov 2010)

PROPOSED:

08.10.01

This committee consists of a minimum of thirteen members, with at least one member representing each of the areas: humanities, social sciences, biological sciences, and physical sciences, and each of the colleges/schools/divisions. One member of the Committee on Courses is also a member of the Committee on Educational Policy. (Am 22 May 86)(Am 25 May 95)(Am 30 Nov 2010)

Statement of Purpose and Effect:

The Committee on Courses workload over the past two years has increased with an increase of course proposals as a result of the growth of the University and increase of online courses offerings. The Committee recommends that the membership of the Committee be increased to address the increased workload that is projected to continue as the University grows.

Approvals:

Approved by the Committee on Courses:

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

Received by Executive Council:

Approved by the Division:

May 31, 2023

October 16, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 5, 2023



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

October 27, 2023

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Michalis Faloutsos, Chair
Committee on Committees

Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Bylaw Change: Changes to the Charge of the
Committee on Courses (Bylaw 08.10.02) - Membership

The Committee on Committees (CoC) reviewed the proposed bylaw change from the Committee on Courses and was supportive of the increase in membership. CoC would like clarification as to what the proposed addition "Divisions" means. If this is referring to divisions within a college, it may be difficult for CoC to fulfill this membership requirement which could cause delays in appointing members.

From: [Sang-Hee Lee](#)
To: [Michail Faloutsos](#)
Cc: [Sarah S Miller](#); [Anne Kristin McKnight](#); [Cherysa P Cortez](#)
Subject: Re: Clarification on the definition of Divisions
Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 11:56:44 AM

Dear Michalis,

Currently, there is only one Division at UCR that the Senate recognizes as an academic unit: the Division of Undergraduate Education.

No other Division is qualifies: Graduate Division is not an academic unit, it is solely an administrative unit. The various divisions within CNAS and SOM are subunits under the recognized unit, CNAS and SOM, respectively, and are not recognized as a separate academic unit.

The reference to "divisions" in the Courses bylaw change proposal is misleading, although I can see that it can look awkward to write "colleges/schools/division". In said proposal, there are 8 "colleges/schools/divisions" at UCR: CHASS, CNAS, BCOE, SOM, SPP, SOE, BUS, and DUE.

Hope this clarifies,
Sang-Hee

Sang-Hee Lee
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From: Michail Faloutsos <michalis@cs.ucr.edu>
Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 2:56 PM
To: Sang-Hee Lee <sang-hee.lee@ucr.edu>
Cc: Sarah S Miller <sarah.miller@ucr.edu>, Anne Kristin McKnight <anne.mcknight@ucr.edu>
Subject: Clarification on the definition of Divisions

Sang-Hee,

The CoC has a question and maybe you can help us: what is the definition of Division and as a result how many Divisions do we want to consider as separate "units" that need representation within UCR? It may be helpful to create a list of all such Divisions.

The context: There was a proposal to add "divisions" as units that need to be represented in the selection of C. on Courses by laws.

Although CoC does not see its jurisdiction to second guess by laws of other committees, we wanted a clarification and potentially the CoCourses and other Committees to be aware of the potential consequences in filling the

committee timely.

The tradeoff is obvious:

- a. Representation of Divisions increases inclusivity and diversity in some sense at least but it can hurt it in others
- b. Filling positions becomes more complex optimization problem

E.g. In filling an empty spot, a diversity person is in a different Dept but same Division as an existing member of a committee.

Here the need to not have people from the same Division can hurt diversity.

Michalis

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