December 6, 2023

JAMES FLEGAL, CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON COURSES
BETH BEATTY, SENATE ANALYST

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

Good afternoon,

Attached for your records is approval of the subject revised bylaws as voted into effect by the Division on December 5, 2023.

Kind regards,

Sang-Hee Lee
Division Chair

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: May 31, 2023  
The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: October 16, 2023  
Received by Executive Council: November 6, 2023  
Approved by the Division: 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.
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

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Sang-Hee Lee
Professor of Anthropology
Chair of the Academic Senate
University of California Riverside
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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