

**UC RIVERSIDE** | **Academic Senate**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION**

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To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From:   
Kambiz Vafai  
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: 17-18. Campus Review. Proposed Bylaw Change: School of Public Policy  
PP1.2, PP4.1, PP4.1.6

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed Bylaw Change: School of Public Policy PP1.2, PP4.1, PP4.1.6 and responds as follows:

It would set a bad precedent for any governing body to create what would be a form of second-class citizenship. Allowing voting for non-senate members would undermine the status of the senate as the exclusive agency through which the faculty participate in shared governance, a status accorded to it by the regents. It is debatable whether the Senate even has the jurisdiction to change its own status. At the very least this is a fundamental change that should be debated and decided on its own and not as an incidental matter. The proposed SPP bylaw change would risk the following: (a) creating a class of voting members who sometimes can vote and sometimes cannot based on the content of any motion; (b) creating a potential series of definitional crises, e.g. which motions are considered Senate or departmental business or not. Although this proposal is unacceptable in its present form, the proposers might want to consider the medical school model. School of Medicine has similar bylaws (see below) that allow non-senate faculty to attend meetings and their votes are recorded as "advisory".

*ME1.1 The Faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside consists of (a) the President of the University; (b) the Chancellor; (c) the Executive Vice Chancellor; (d) the Dean of the School of Medicine; (e) all members of the Academic Senate who are members of the School of Medicine; (f) other Senate members as may be specified by the bylaws of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate; (g) Non-Senate faculty members of the School in the Health Sciences Clinical Professor, Adjunct Professor, Research Professor, Project Scientist, Lecturer, Academic Coordinator, and Volunteer Clinical Professor series. (Am 21 Feb 2012) (Am 25 Feb 2014)*

*ME1.2 For aspects of shared governance that are the responsibility of the Academic Senate as defined in Regents Standing Order 105, only voting members of the Academic Senate are eligible to vote and to be counted toward a quorum in general meetings of the Faculty of the School of Medicine. However, all persons with academic appointments in the School of Medicine may attend meetings of the Faculty and have the privilege of the floor. These non-senate faculty members may vote on matters discussed in all faculty meetings, but their votes will be recorded as “advisory,” and kept separate from the votes recorded from Academic Senate members. All members of Standing Committees (see below) and any ad hoc committees appointed by the Faculty Executive Committee, unless otherwise indicated by these bylaws, may vote on questions that will be referred to the Faculty Executive Committee for approval, and on questions that will be referred for final Academic Senate action to another Academic Senate agency. Voting rights are extended to Faculty who are non-members of the Academic Senate to the fullest degree permitted by legislative ruling 12.75 of the Academic Senate of the University, which states that “Only members of the Academic Senate may vote in Senate Agencies when those agencies are taking final action on any matter for the Academic Senate, or giving advice to University Officers or other non-Senate agencies in the name of the Senate. Persons other than Senate members may be given the right to vote on other questions, such as those that involve only recommendations to other Senate agencies, but only by explicit bylaw provisions.” (Am 21 Feb 2012) (Am 25 Feb 2014)*