COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

March 28, 2023

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
   Riverside Division

From: Kathleen Montgomery
       Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Campus Review: (Bylaw Change) School of Education Bylaws 01-06.01

The Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction appreciates the effort to avoid gendered pronouns in any proposed revisions of bylaws and regulations. However, it is not adequate to simply insert "they" for a singular pronoun (“he/she”), because that introduces wording that is grammatically incorrect. There are better ways to resolve the problem with a thoughtful rephrasing that avoids pronouns altogether. With this, and careful consideration of the proposed change to the School of Education Bylaws 01-06.01, the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction offers the following to assist in the above and to ensure the overall bylaws are consistent:

1. The following changes to the bylaw amendments:

   02.01 This indicates there is only one Officer of the Faculty. However, this is inconsistent with 04.01.01.02, which states that members of the Executive Committee are considered Officers of the Faculty. Please correct for consistency.

   02.01.01 Please rephrase to avoid grammatically incorrect language. Possible rephrasing:
   First sentence: “The Chair of the Faculty is elected for a three-year term and is not eligible to serve another immediate term, unless the previous term lasted for less than one year.”

   Last sentence:
   “If a person so elected fills the vacancy for a period of not more than one year, the provision of this bylaw regarding immediate reelection shall not apply, and the person shall be eligible for immediate reelection at the end of the current term.”

   02.01.03 Please rephrase to avoid grammatically incorrect language:
   “The Chair assumes office on the first day of September following a regular election or immediately upon completion of the ballot count at a special election.”
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04.01 Please rephrase to avoid grammatically incorrect language:
Last sentence: “...but a member can become eligible...”

04.01.01.02 This section is inconsistent with 02.01, regarding Officers of the Faculty. Please correct for consistency.

04.01.01.03 Please rephrase to avoid grammatically incorrect language:
Second sentence: “A vacancy shall be declared to exist and the committee member considered to have resigned if that member anticipates an absence...”

04.01.02.08 Please rephrase to avoid grammatically incorrect language:
“The Executive Committee assists the Dean on the Dean’s request...”

04.02 Suggest capitalizing name of the committees and programs: Teacher Education Committee and Teacher Credential Program

04.03 Suggest capitalizing name of the committee: Graduate Advisory Committee

04.04 Suggest capitalizing name of the committee: Undergraduate Education Committee. Please also fix punctuation and capitalize name of Associate Dean: “The members of the Committee will consist of Faculty members from each Area Group, when possible; at least one undergraduate advisor, ex officio; the SOE enrollment manager, ex officio; the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, ex officio; and, when possible, one undergraduate student representative...”

2. The SOE website does not list an Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education (only an Associate Dean of Graduate Education). Please confirm that this position exists before including it in the proposed bylaws.

3. Statement of Purpose:
   2) Please change “their” to “its”