


Committee on Committees

November 12, 2013

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Mariam Lam, Chair 
Committee on Committees

Re: Educational Policy Committee's proposed Bylaw Amendment

Our committee has met and reviewed the proposed amendment changes by the BCOE Executive Committee, and support the previous proposed language by the Educational Policy Committee. This re-affirms CoC's approval of October 21, 2013.

To respond to the BCOE's two proposed language revisions, in the former, "The Committee on Committees shall make documented attempts to appoint representatives from each of the Colleges and Professional Schools to the CEP," CoC does not feel it is appropriate to accumulate and aggregate all documented attempts at securing appointments. Often our faculty members have very personal reasons for being unable to serve in a particular year and we are concerned about privacy issues. Further, while we solicit appointment confirmations and acceptances via email for the most part, when we are unable to secure such, we do also pursue candidates in person without necessarily documenting the encounters. We would also express caution that such documentation can lead to negative repercussions against said faculty by senior administration.

In the second option, "Every attempt is made by the Committee on Committees to ensure representation from each of the Colleges and Professional Schools," CoC has a minor diction problem with the word "ensure" as it is beyond the reach of our power to ensure representation when many difficulties- from small numbers of faculty in some professional schools to non-response rates in others- arise. Therefore, we simply prefer the word "include" to "ensure," as proposed in the original Educational Policy Committee proposed Bylaw Amendment.

For these reasons, we approve of the Ed Pol change, and have no questions or concerns at this time.