

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

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To: Jose Wudka  
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Raymond Williams   
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Committee on Research Bylaw Change

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed bylaw changes for the Committee on Research and although these changes do not violate the code of the Academic Senate, the Committee has the following suggestions:

- 1) The Committee suggests that the language currently present in bylaw 8.20.1 should remain with only a slight modification to read “The committee considers matters pertaining to the research mission of the UC Riverside Campus.” The Committee feels the role of the advisor potentially diminishes the power of the committee and, in turn, the independence of the faculty especially in relation to the administrative units. The Committee is also troubled by the inclusion of administrators in what is essentially an educational and research function. The inclusion of administrative units could be read either as an expansion of the committee’s potential powers or the subjugation of the committee to a reporting mechanism within the administration. Rules and Jurisdiction suggests the Committee on Research revise the language to be more specific, in order to preserve the integrity of the faculty’s role in the university.
- 2) The Committee on Research noted that the purpose of the proposed bylaw change is to broaden the scope of its charge. However, Rules and Jurisdiction feels that the omission of the language “general policies” would restrict the committee from specifically commenting on matters of policy. Therefore, the Committee recommends this language remain in the bylaw.