

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

June 1, 2018

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From:  Kambiz Vafai
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: 17-18. Campus Review. Proposed changes to the charge of the committee on Distinguished Campus Service

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed changes to the charge of the committee on Distinguished Campus Service.

Although these changes may not violate the letter of the code of the Academic Senate, the committee believes they do violate the spirit of the code, which is meant to regulate faculty governance and protect the voice of the faculty: <http://senate.ucr.edu/about/>. The Committee has the following comments/suggestions:

The committee notes that the current language already contains the possibility of recognizing faculty who are in “temporary administrative posts” and thus finds the proposed changes an unnecessary and potentially frivolous use of the bylaw/regulation change process. The call currently reads: “Nominees for the award must be members of the Academic Senate and have been on campus long enough to have demonstrated sustained dedication to the Academic Senate, to one or more of the Colleges, and/or in temporary administrative posts at UCR.”

The committee also notes a conflict of interest in that administrators are appointed by the Administration and not elected by the Academic Senate.

The committee would like to ask that the Committee on Faculty Welfare review and comment on these proposed changes.