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Shane White, Chair, Academic Council
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RE: Systemwide Review of Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128 (SB 128), Conflicts of Interest

Dear Shane,

I write to offer the UCR Division's consultation on the Proposed Amendment to SB128. A couple of substantive responses came from the standing committees participating in the review.

The Committee on Academic Freedom (CAF) states a concern over the determination of appropriate actions being vested in the committee chair and chair/vice-chair of the Academic Council. CAF suggests that the committee itself, minus the member in question, be allowed to make the final decision on such action. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction avers that the Division Chair (or designee) should be given the power of resolution in the event that the committee's Chair and Vice Chair both have a conflict of interest in the matter.

Committee on Academic Personnel, Committee on Committees, Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity, and Committee on Faculty Welfare all endorse the Proposed Amendment without further comment.

Sincerely yours,


Dylan Rodriguez

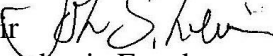
Professor of Media & Cultural Studies and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Hilary Baxter, Executive Director of the Academic Senate
Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of UCR Academic Senate Office

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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

February 6, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: John Levin, Chair 
Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: BY-LAW Amendment Senate Bylaw 128 (SB 128), Conflict of Interest

The Committee on Academic Freedom reviewed Senate Bylaw 128 (SB 128), Conflict of Interest, for committees, subcommittees, and task forces, distributed December 21, 2017. The Committee views this statement in its amended form, with one exception, to be a useful or default template for all Senate committees. Our concern (exception) pertains to the final sentence of the amended bylaw: "In the absence of agreement between the member and the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the committee on the appropriate actions, the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the committee shall inform the Chair (or Vice-Chair) of the Academic Council, who shall make the final determination as to what actions are appropriate." This statement excludes the committee, subcommittee, or taskforce itself from a determination of a conflict of interest and instead vests that determination in both the chair (or vice-chair) of the committee, subcommittee, or taskforce and the chair (or vice-chair) of the Academic Council. We suggest instead that the committee itself, minus the member in question, make the determination, which would include discussion and a vote. That is, "The chair (of said committee, subcommittee, or taskforce) will convene the committee, subcommittee, or taskforce, except for the individual with the possible conflict, and those present will decide by majority vote if a conflict exists."



COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

January 10, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Vyjayanthi Chari, Chair
Committee on Academic Personnel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vyjayanthi Chari".

Re: Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, Conflicts of Interest

The Committee on Academic Personnel met to consider the Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, Conflicts of Interest. The Committee endorsed the amendment and did not have any substantial comments to add.

Committee on Committees

January 11, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sarjeet Gill, Chair
Committee on Committees



Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128


The Committee on Committees reviewed the proposed amendment to Academic Senate Bylaw 128 regarding conflicts of interest on Senate committees, subcommittees, and task forces. The Committee was in support of the proposed amendment by a vote of +8-0-0.



COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY & EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

February 2, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Suveen Mathaudhu, Chair 
Committee on Diversity & Equal Opportunity


Re: Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, Conflicts of Interest

The committee considered the proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 128 regarding conflicts of interest. CoDEO unanimously endorsed the amendment without any substantial comments to add.

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COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE

February 20, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Daniel Jeske, Chair 
Committee on Faculty Welfare

Re: Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, COI

The Committee on Faculty Welfare considered the proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 128 regarding conflicts of interest and unanimously endorsed the amendment without any substantial comments to add.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

January 8, 2018

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From:  Kambiz Vafai
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: 17-18. Systemwide Review. Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128,
Conflicts of Interest

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, Conflicts of Interest.

Although these changes do not violate the code of the Academic Senate, the Committee has the following comment/suggestion: What if both Chair and Vice Chair of Academic Council have a conflict of interest? Suggestion: resolve by Division Chair or his/her designee.