Proposed change in Bylaw 8.8.2.1 and 8.8.2.3 -- Committee on Committees

**PRESENT**

8.8.2
The members of this committee are elected as follows: (Am 24 Apr 75)

8.8.2.1
The membership includes four representatives each from the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, and one member each from the College of Engineering, and the Anderson Graduate School of Management or the Graduate School of Education. No more than one member of any one department or program may be on the committee. (Am 24 Apr 75)(Am 25 May 95)(Am 30 May 06)

8.8.2.3
The election of a college representative is conducted entirely within the Faculty which he/she represents. Elections are conducted according to the procedure described in Chapter 7 and are held in time to be reported to the Division for confirmation at its last stated meeting of the academic year. (Am 24 Apr 75)

**PROPOSED**

8.8.2
The members of this committee are elected as follows: (Am 24 Apr 75)

8.8.2.1
Only tenured faculty may serve on the Committee on Committees.
The membership includes four representatives each from the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, two members from the College of Engineering, and one member that alternates terms from either the Anderson Graduate School of Management or the Graduate School of Education. Candidacies for this seat alternate, but members of both schools’ faculties may vote in each such election, given that this is a collective seat for representational purposes. If a COC member representing the alternating slot does not complete the regular term, he or she will be replaced by a new member from the same school to complete the term. No more than one member of any one department or program may be on the committee. (Am 24 Apr 75)(Am 25 May 95)(Am 30 May 06)

8.8.2.3
The election of a college representative is conducted entirely within the Faculty which he/she represents. To be nominated, representatives must have previously served on at least two standing academic senate committees for a total of at least four years of service. Elections are conducted according to the procedure described in Chapter 7 and are held in time to be reported to the Division for confirmation at its last stated meeting of the academic year. (Am 24 Apr 75)
JUSTIFICATION:

The UCR Committee on Committees is proposing two changes to existing bylaws 8.8.2.1 and 8.8.2.3. These changes are necessitated by the specialized demands on COC that have evolved as the campus has grown over the past decade. The changes were reviewed and approved by all members of the Committee on Committees and now requests that the modified bylaws be approved by Executive Council in a timely manner.

The specific changes are detailed below:

- The first change to 8.8.2.1 limits membership to tenured faculty. The primary reason is the Committee on Committees staff the Committee on Academic Personnel. This would give the appearance of conflict of interest is untenured faculty, whose continued service in the UC depends in part on decisions by CAP, would be helping to staff the committee.

  An important secondary consideration is that the Committee's operations rely on familiarity with a wide range of senior and junior faculty across campus. This is normally impossible for a junior faculty member to achieve.

- The second change to 8.8.2.1 increases the membership of COC by one additional member from the College of Engineering. This change is required due to the increased size of that college and the diversity of disciplines within the college. This change would increase the total membership of the committee from ten to eleven members (four from CHASS, four from CNAS, two from COE, and one from either AGSM or GSOE).

- The third change to 8.8.2.1 requires one senate member alternate terms from either AGSM or GSOE. Given the small size of these units and the demand for service on other committees COC feels that the Academic Senate is best served by having only one member from one of these professional schools.

- The change to 8.8.2.3 now requires at least four years of service on a minimum of two academic senate committees before a senate member is eligible for election to COC. Active participation on COC, guaranteeing shared governance for all senate members, requires substantive knowledge of specific committees and the Academic Senate in general. COC members who have been elected with little, or no, previous senate experience are unable to contribute to the committee and, as a result, do not serve either the Senate or the constituents of their college or school. Further, if COC members are unable to contribute to discussions concerning membership on senate committees the workload unfairly falls on other COC members who may, or may not, be able to fairly represent another college or school.

Approved by the Committee on Committees: June 13, 2009
Additional change to 8.8.2.1 approved by Committee on Committees: October 9, 2009
Additional change to 8.8.2.1 approved by Committee on Committees January 21, 2010
The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: January 31, 2010
Endorsed by the Executive Council: February 22, 2010