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The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction met two times during the year, on February 11 and February 25, 1999. Additional business was conducted by e-mail and telephone.

As its first item of business of the academic year, the Committee reaffirmed the policy on Conflicts of Interest that had been in force in the previous year.

The Committee reviewed proposed amendments in bylaws and regulations for consonance with the Code of the Academic Senate prior to their presentation to the Division. In all instances the Committee's recommendations are available for inspection in the Senate office. Draft legislation reviewed this year consists of the following:

1. A proposed change in Regulation HSR 2.8.3 that would prohibit overlap among courses used to satisfy upper-division course requirements for a major and a minor within the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

2. A proposal from the Committee on University Extension to enact a Divisional Regulation that would require authorization of a variance from Statewide Regulation 810(A).


4. A proposed change in Bylaw 8.15, which defines the composition and activities of the Committee on International Education.

5. A proposed change in Regulation 2.1.3, which deletes reference to an examination in American History and Institutions that is no longer given.

The Committee also responded to several confidential requests for interpretations of how Senate rules apply to individual cases. While specific responses to such private inquiries remain confidential, in one case the Committee's response was deemed to have sufficiently broad applicability to be added to the log of Divisional Rulings. In this instance a member asked whether an "Interim Dean" has the same voting rights in the Senate as other administrators described as "Deans" in Standing Order of the Regents 105.1. The Committee ruled that the word "Interim" before the title of an administrator does not diminish in any way the rights of membership in the Senate that are granted to all Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors, and Deans by Standing Order 105.1.

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