

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (Continued)

A. Academic Council (Continued)

• Michael T. Brown, Chair

2. Proposed repeal of Senate Regulation 458 (action)

Proposed Repeal of Senate Regulation 458

The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) has proposed the repeal of Senate Regulation 458, which allows graduates of certain schools and colleges in China and Japan to meet course requirements for UC admission by substituting a satisfactory course in the history of their own country for United States history, as well as satisfactory courses in Asian law, language, and literature for the matriculation requirement in English. In accordance with Senate Bylaw 116, Authority of the Assembly – Part II.E., “The Assembly is authorized to approve modifications to the University Academic Senate legislation. . . .Except for Bylaws marked “[Protected – See Bylaw 166.E]”, . . . modification of Regulations requires the approval of a majority of all voting members of the Assembly present. . . .Modification of legislation shall take effect immediately following approval unless a different date is specified or required.”

The system-wide Senate review of BOARS’ proposal to repeal SR 458 resulted in unanimous support among the responding system-wide committees and divisions. The Academic Council endorsed the repeal of SR 458 at its January 23, 2008 meeting. The University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has found the request to repeal SR 458 to be consonant with the Code of the Academic Senate.

Current Language:

458. Graduates of approved schools and colleges in China and Japan are allowed to substitute a satisfactory course in the history of their own country for United States history, and also to substitute satisfactory courses in Asian law, language, and literature for the matriculation requirements in English. Such concessions will be granted only to those who furnish properly endorsed official records of their work in China and Japan, and whose work in other departments of study satisfies the requirements for admission.

Proposed Language: Repeal 458.

JUSTIFICATION:

Justification for this request is based, in part, on the fact that SR 458 “. . . pertains to the undergraduate admission of candidates other than graduates of California secondary schools.” The regulation, as currently written, provides guidance for the use of alternate means to fulfill the University’s subject (‘a-g’) requirements for freshman admission and applies specifically to graduates of schools in China and Japan. Over time, questions have arisen regarding the narrowness of the regulation, in that it applies to students from China and Japan only. In addition, the existing regulation’s lack of clarity regarding the use of courses in law, language, and literature has resulted in inconsistency and confusion across campuses related to the implementation of the regulation.

Action Requested: Repeal Senate Regulation 458