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Jim Chalfant, Chair, Academic Council
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RE: Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Policy

Dear Jim,

This policy has been reviewed by relevant committees in the UCR Division of the Senate, and the responses are as follows:

The Committees on Planning and Budget, Rules and Jurisdiction, Courses, and Educational Policy approve the PDST Policy with no additional comment. The Committee on Undergraduate Education examined the proposal and offered that it does not have impact on areas within their purview.

Graduate Council has reviewed the PDST Policy and expresses concern over the absence of a tuition cap, which can lead to increases based on desired revenue rather than a justified operative need. There is additional concern that increased PDST may decrease the appeal of certain programs. Further, some members of the Council suggest that Shared Governance should compel the Regents to engage in more substantive consultation with students and the Academic Senate before tuition increases are made. Finally, Graduate Council suggests that an analysis/projection of the implications of tuition increases on programs' quality should be part of the proposal for a PDST increase.

The Committee on Library and Information Technology reviewed the proposed revised policy and suggested two revisions. First, in Section 4.a.iii, to add "including Library & Information Technology resources required by the program" to the end of "uses of the PDST funds" in order to ensure equitable support of these critical campus resources. Second, in Section 5, to indicate the number of years that constitute a "multi-year plan" in the section stating that "Multi-year plans shall be reviewed and approved within a time frame that supports adequate planning and preparation for both students and their graduate professional degree program." Regents Policy 3103 previously stated that a multi-year plan would be limited to a maximum of three years.

Sincerely yours,

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Dylan Rodríguez
Professor of Ethnic 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



November 29, 2016

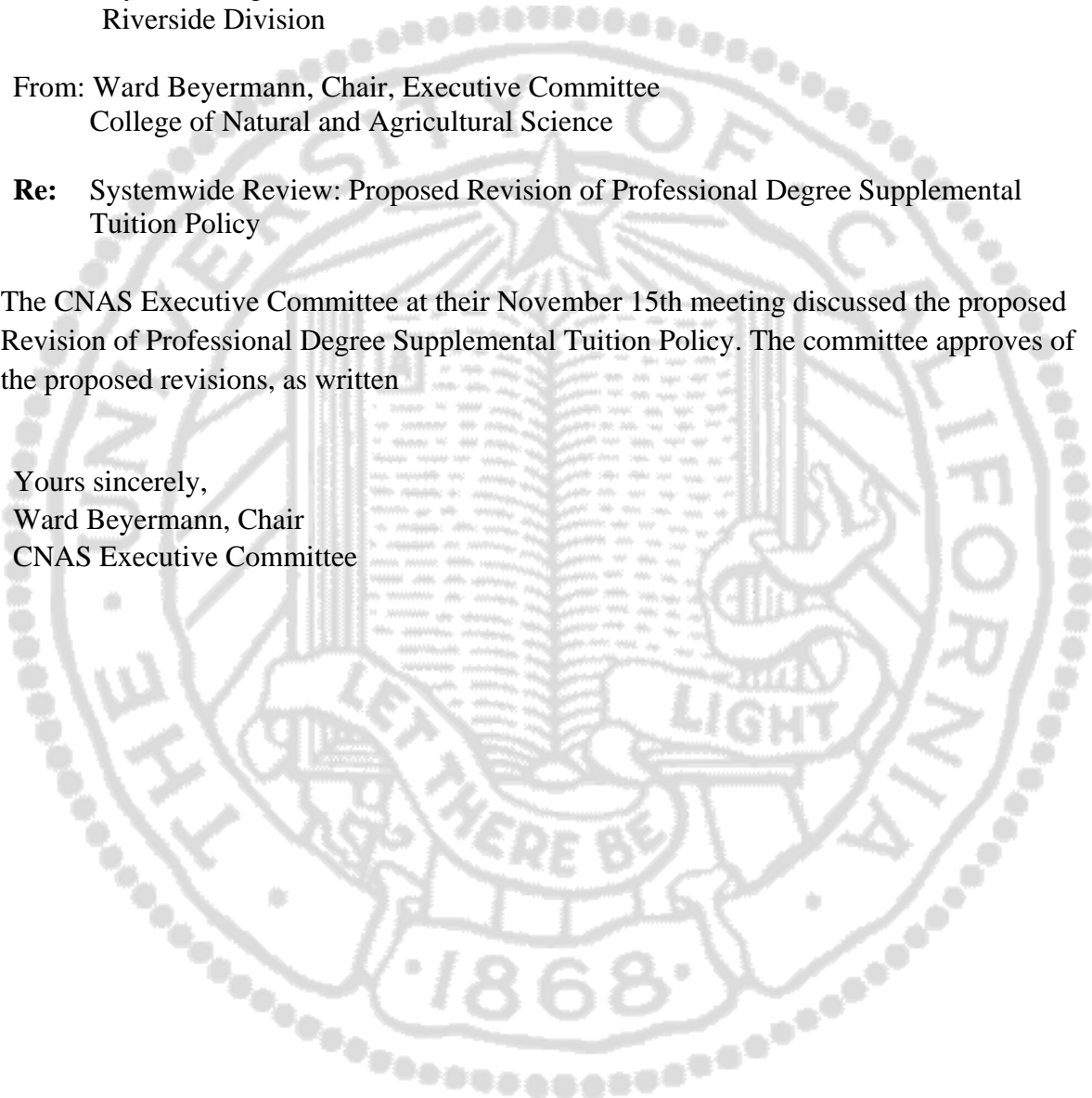
To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Ward Beyermann, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

Re: Systemwide Review: Proposed Revision of Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy

The CNAS Executive Committee at their November 15th meeting discussed the proposed Revision of Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy. The committee approves of the proposed revisions, as written

Yours sincerely,
Ward Beyermann, Chair
CNAS Executive Committee





November 22, 2016

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Pete Sadler, Chair 
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Re: Proposed Changes to Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the proposal to change the Policy on Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition at their November 16, 2016 meeting. The Committee opined that the proposal does not have any impact on undergraduate admissions and is outside of the purview of the Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

November 21, 2016

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Kambiz Vafai 
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Systemwide Review-Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST)
Policy - Proposed Revised Policy


The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed change to Systemwide Review-Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Policy - Proposed Revised Policy and found the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate.



Committee on Planning & Budget

December 1, 2016

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Christian Shelton 
Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget


Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Revised PDST Policy

On November 29, 2016, the Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed and discussed the proposed revised Regental policy governing Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST). CPB finds the proposed revisions reasonable and is in support by a vote of +7-0-0.



January 10, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Leonard Nunney 
Committee on Library and Information Technology

Re: Systemwide Review. (Systemwide Senate Review) Professional Degree
Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Policy - Proposed Revised Policy


The Committee on Library and Information Technology reviewed the Systemwide Review-Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) Policy - Proposed Revised Policy at their January 10, 2017 meeting. The Committee would like the following items considered in the revised policy:

1. Section 4.a.iii. – add “including Library & Information Technology resources required by the program” to the end of “uses of the PDST funds” to ensure equitable support of these critical campus resources.
2. Section 5 states, “Multi-year plans shall be reviewed and approved within a time frame that supports adequate planning and preparation for both students and their graduate professional degree program.” The number of years constituting a multi-year plan should be indicated. The new policy provides no definition of the meaning of “multi-year”. The previous Regents Policy 3103 indicated a maximum of three years.



December 2, 2016

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Chris Chase-Dunn, Chair 
Committee on Courses

Re: Proposed Revision to Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy

The Committee on Courses reviewed the proposed revision to the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy at their December 1, 2016 meeting and voted to support the proposed changes.



November 23, 2016

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Ryan Julian, Chair
Graduate Council

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RE: Proposed Revised PDST Policy

The Graduate Council reviewed the proposed revised PDST policy at their last meeting. The Council was concerned that absence of a tuition cap favors maximum increases based on desired revenue rather than justified need. Members were also fearful that increased PDST will depress the appeal of the programs. Some members of the Council felt that in the spirit of shared governance, the Regents should have greater consultation with students, as well as consult with and obtain the approval of the Academic Senate before tuition increases are made. In addition, a careful analysis and projection of the impact of the tuition increases on program quality should be included in each specific proposal for a PDST increase.



December 6, 2016

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stephen Wimpenny, Chair
Committee on Courses

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Re: Proposed Revision to Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the proposed revision to the Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition Policy and voted to support the proposed changes.