



May 13, 2020

To: Philip Brisk, Chair
BCOE Faculty Executive Committee

From: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair 
Riverside Division

Re: New Master Degree Proposal: Master of Science Degree in Robotics

Dear Philip,

It is my pleasure to provide the Senate's full consultative feedback on the proposal for a new Master of Science Degree in Robotics. Executive Council affirmed the comments included in the attached committee memos, while adding an important concern regarding the absence of a statement regarding the proposed program's potential and planned contributions to the UC diversity mission. This is an understandable absence, given that the CCGA's diversity contribution statement requirement went into effect in August 2019. It reads as follows (p. 15 of the CCGA Handbook):

Contributions to diversity: All proposals must include (a) a vision for how the program will advance UC's goals for diversity and (b) a plan that details what steps the program will take in its first five years to move it toward the identification, recruitment, and retention of underrepresented minority students and faculty. The proposal should clearly document the ways in which the program will evaluate its diversity goals. (Added August 2019.)

I trust that the attached feedback, in addition to this important comment, will facilitate the next steps of the proposal. Executive Council was enthusiastic about the prospective MS program's contribution to UCR's academic profile.

Cc: Cherysa Cortez, Senate Executive Director



COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

April 6, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Xuan Liu, Chair
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Re: New Master Degree Proposal: Master of Science Degree in Robotics

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (CODEI) discussed the New Master Degree Proposal: Master of Science Degree in Robotics at its April 2 meeting. It appears that the proposal does not adhere to the Format for the Graduate Degree Program Proposal outlined in Appendix B of the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) Handbook, August 2019 revision. Relevant to the Committee's charge, Section 1.5 (p. 15 of the Handbook) is missing:

Section 1. Introduction

4. 5) Contributions to diversity: All proposals must include (a) a vision for how the program will advance UC's goals for diversity and (b) a plan that details what steps the program will take in its first five years to move it toward the identification, recruitment, and retention of underrepresented minority students and faculty. The proposal should clearly document the ways in which the program will evaluate its diversity goals. (Added August 2019.)

GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 19, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council




**Re: [Campus Review] New Master's Degree Proposal: Master of Science Degree
in Robotics**

The Graduate Council reviewed the proposal for a new Master of Science in Robotics and was generally supportive. However, the Council noted a couple modifications that must take place prior to committee approval. First, the proposal is missing normative time to degree. Second, in accordance with Graduate Regulation 1.6, professional development training is required for all MS, MA, MFA, MPP, and Ph.D. programs. Professional development requirements have not been defined in this proposal.



February 21, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Leonid Pryadko 
Committee on Library and Information Technology

Re: 19-20. CR. Master of Science Degree in Robotics

The Committee on Library and Information Technology reviewed the Master of Science Degree in Robotics at their February 20, 2020 meeting and did not note any concern relating to the Committee's charge of Library and Information Technology.



PLANNING & BUDGET

April 14, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Harry Tom, Chair
Committee on Planning and Budget

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry WK Tom".

Re: Proposed Master of Science Degree in Robotics

The Committee on Planning & Budget (P&B) reviewed the proposal for a new Master of Science degree in Robotics at their April 14, 2020 meeting. P&B approved of the proposal as it has minimal budgetary impact.