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CHAIRS OF SENATE DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:

Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Revision of Senate Regulation 610, Defining Residency

Dear Colleagues,

I am forwarding for systemwide Senate review the attached revision to Senate Regulation 610 proposed by the University Committee on Educational Policy. The intent of the revision is to eliminate an ambiguity in the definition of “residency” to clarify that “residency” is not necessarily linked to physical presence on campus.

Please submit comments to the Academic Senate office at [SenateReview@ucop.edu](mailto:SenateReview@ucop.edu) by May 19, 2020 to allow us to compile and summarize comments for the Academic Council’s May 26 meeting. As always, any committee that considers these matters outside its jurisdiction or charge may decline to comment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gauvain".

Mary Gauvain, Chair  
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Encl:



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February 16, 2021

**MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR,  
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**RE: PROPOSED REVISION OF SENATE REGULATION 610, DEFINING RESIDENCY**

Dear Mary,

Senate Regulation 610 deals with the definition of ‘residency’ for undergraduate and graduate students:

“Residence in any regular term is validated by a program of courses or other exercises approved by the Faculty of a student's college or school. For undergraduates this shall be at least six units of resident courses of instruction. Graduate students validate residence with programs of instruction or research approved by the appropriate Graduate Council. [See SR 688-690.] (EC 15 Apr 74) (Am 9 Mar 83; Am 6 Mar 85)”

In recent years, the question of whether or not on-line courses are included in this definition has been discussed and debated repeatedly. UCEP concurs with the liberal interpretation of SR 610 adopted by UCRJ with a 3-2 vote in 2011: “residency [is] determined by course approval by the relevant Faculty and Senate governing entities of the University of California, not linked to the physical presence of a student on campus” but also agrees that the language of the existing regulation is sufficiently ambiguous as to allow for a more literal interpretation, in which residency is linked to physical presence on campus. In order to eliminate confusion on this point, UCEP proposes the following revisions to the regulation:

**610.** Residence in any regular term is validated for an undergraduate student by enrollment in at least six units of a program of courses that were created through the Divisional course approval process of the student’s home campus. ~~or other exercises approved by the Faculty of a student's college or school. For undergraduates this shall be at least six units of resident courses of instruction.~~ Residence in any regular term is validated for a Graduate students validate residence with programs of instruction or research approved by the ~~appropriate~~ Graduate Council of the student’s home campus. [See [SR 688-690.](#)] (EC 15 Apr 74) (Am 9 Mar 83; Am 6 Mar 85)

The revised version without the mark-up:

**610.** Residence in any regular term is validated for an undergraduate student by enrollment in at least six units of courses that were created through the Divisional course approval process of the student's home campus. Residence in any regular term is validated for a graduate student with programs of instruction or research approved by the Graduate Council of the student's home campus. [See [SR 688-690](#).] (EC 15 Apr 74) (Am 9 Mar 83; Am 6 Mar 85)

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Potter".

Daniel Potter, Chair  
UCEP