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May 15, 2026

Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair, Academic Council
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RE: Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761

Dear Ahmet,

On May 11, 2026, the Riverside Academic Senate Executive Council discussed the subject proposed revisions and had no additions to the local feedback summarized below and enclosed.

As you'll find from the attached memos, most committees were supportive or had no comments in response to the proposed revisions. However, feedback from the UCR Committee on Preparatory Education, Committee on Undergraduate Admissions, Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the faculty executive committee of the School of Education made points that are to be considered and questions to be answered. Though I have provided a summary below, please reference the attachments for full feedback.

The Committee on Preparatory Education (CPE) expressed concerns regarding three specific revisions. First, they recommend removing or clarifying the phrase "including the language needs of students from diverse linguistic backgrounds" in Bylaw 192.B.2, viewing it as redundant and potentially divisive, and advocating for preparatory education to be uniformly applied to all students. Second, for Bylaw 192.B.3, the CPE suggests replacing the prescriptive terms "oversight" with "monitor" and "supervise" with "review" to better align with the ELWR Task Force recommendation for maintaining campus autonomy. Finally, the CPE opposes striking the phrase "informed by the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council" from SR 636.B.2, arguing that the ECC provides a necessary voice for local writing programs.

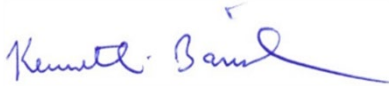
The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (UAC) presented similar concerns, focusing on the proposed revisions to Bylaw 192 and SR 636.B.2. For Bylaw 192.B.2, the UAC also found the phrase concerning, noting that preparatory education should be uniformly applied without distinction based on linguistic background, and requests clarification or removal of the language. Regarding Bylaw 192.B.3, the UAC suggests replacing the term "supervise" with "review" to effectively maintain the intended autonomy of the individual campuses and ensure consistency. Concerning SR 636.B.2, the UAC opposes the removal of the clause referencing the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating

Council, as the Council provides a necessary, direct voice for local writing programs, and the committee explicitly questions the motivation and rationale behind this deletion.

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (CODEI) acknowledged the necessity and appreciated the proposed shift from systemwide placement exam determination to individualized campus implementation. However, the Committee noted that the effects of this decentralization on the maintenance of academic standards, consistency across campuses, and any resulting adverse or advantageous impacts on students remain to be determined. CODEI stated that the proposal currently lacks sufficient information for the Committee to develop mitigation strategies for potential issues related to its charge.

The School of Education faculty executive committee provided minimal feedback, observing that the revision's apparent goal is to replace the term "remedial" with "preparatory". They highlighted a few instances where "remedial" was left uncorrected (specifically in 761 A and 192 B 8), and questioned whether this remaining usage was intentional or an error

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth Barish

Professor of Physics and Astronomy and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Monica Lin, Executive Director of the Academic Senate
Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of UCR Academic Senate Office



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION

April 10, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Agnieszka Jaworska, Chair
Committee on Preparatory Education

Re: **[Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761**

The Committee on Preparatory Education (CPE) reviewed the [Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761 and expressed the following concerns:

Under Bylaw 192.B.2, the phrase "including the language needs of students from diverse linguistic backgrounds" is used. This phrase seems redundant and unnecessarily divides and separates students. We are concerned about this kind of segregation because preparatory education should be uniformly applied to all students who need such education without discrimination or prejudice based on background. Preparatory education is not more important or less important for students of different backgrounds. ***The CPE would like a clarification of the phrase "students from diverse linguistic background." In its current iteration and without clarification, the CPE would like the phrase "including the language needs of students from diverse linguistic background" not to be included in the revision.***

Under Bylaw 192.B.3, the phrase "oversight of divisional writing placement systems and process" is used. This suggests a direct contradiction to one of the two primary recommendations made by the ELWR Task Force. The task force recommended that campuses have autonomy when it comes to ELWR, and "oversight" suggests otherwise. Further, there are at least two specific references in the ELWR Task Force report that note placement should be run by local campuses because local campuses have the best understanding of their student populations. ***The CPE suggests that the word "oversight" be replaced with the word "monitor" to maintain accordance with the ELWR Task Force report and to be consistent with the language of "monitoring" found in the rest of Bylaw 192.***

Under Bylaw 192.B.3, the word "supervise" is used. This approach seems a bit heavy-handed. ***Perhaps the word "review" would work better so as to maintain autonomy among the campuses.***

Under SR 636.B.2, the phrase "informed by the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council" is proposed to be struck. The ECC is where the local campuses' writing programs have a direct voice. This voice (again per the ELWR Task Force report) should be a guiding and even driving voice in these discussions. ***The CPE would like to see this phrase ("informed by the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council") retained in its current form in SR 636.B.2.***



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

April 2, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Manu Sridharan, Chair
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Re: **[Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761**

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (UAC) reviewed the [Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761 at their meeting on March 20, 2026, and expressed the following concerns:

Bylaw 192.B.2, the phrase "including the language needs of students from diverse linguistic backgrounds" is used. This phrase seems redundant and unnecessarily divides and separates students. The committee is concerned as preparatory education should be uniformly applied to all students who need such education without discrimination based on background.

UAC would like clarification on the purpose of this language being used.

Bylaw 192.B.3 - Supervise the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement with special emphasis on establishing appropriate standards for its fulfillment, to include oversight of divisional writing placement systems and processes. The word "supervise" is used.

UAC suggests this be changed to "Review" for consistency and to maintain autonomy among the campuses.

SR 636.B.2, the phrase "informed by the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council" is proposed to be struck. The ECC is where the local campuses' writing programs have a direct voice. This voice (per the ELWR Task Force report) should be a guiding and driving voice in these discussions.

UAC is questioning why the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council is being removed. What is the motivation behind removing this sentence?




Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

April 2, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Esra Kurum, Chair 
Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Re: [Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761

The Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has reviewed the proposal above and the supplemental documents provided. The committee appreciates the shift from systemwide determination of placement exams to individualized campus implementation and believes the updates to be necessary. With this decentralization, the effect of these changes on maintenance of academic standards, consistency across campuses, and adverse or advantageous impacts to student remain to be seen. Furthermore, there is not currently enough information within the proposal for the Committee to determine mitigation strategies for these potential issues as related to the charge of CODEI.

4/7/2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair of the Assembly of the Academic Senate
and Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of the UCR Academic Senate

From: Kinnari Atit, Ph.D., Faculty Chair of the School of Education Executive Committee

Subject: Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761

The SOE Executive Committee reviewed the Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761. Comments/feedback were solicited at our executive committee meeting and via email.

Our feedback on the document is minimal. In this proposed bylaw change, the committee appears to be aiming to replace use of "remedial" with "preparatory", but a few instances of "remedial" were uncorrected (761 A - "Tigonometry is considered remedial if.."; 192 B 8 - "Report on preparatory and remedial education...". Is the remaining use of "remedial" intentional or erroneous?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,



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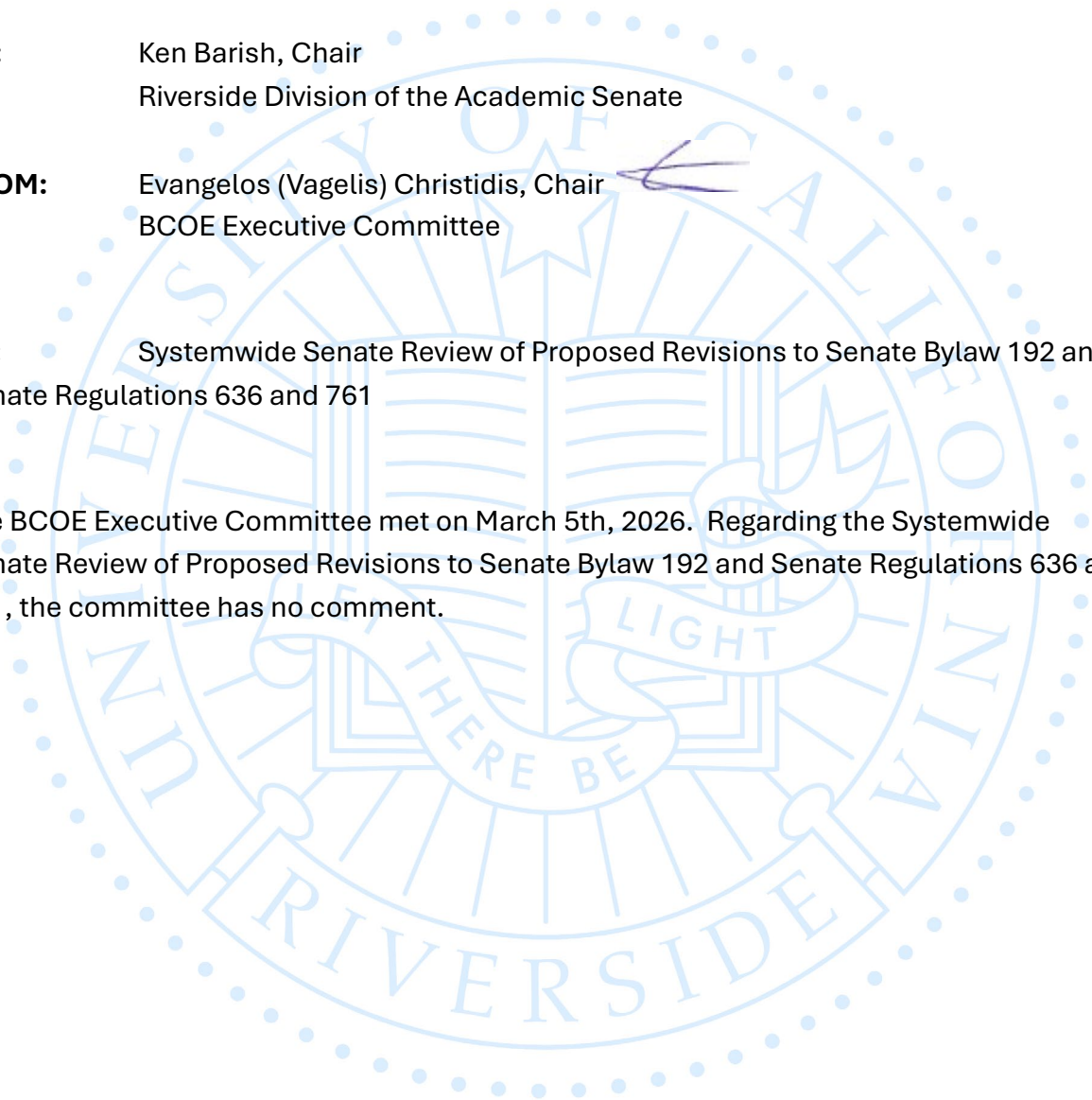
March 5, 2026

TO: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM: Evangelos (Vagelis) Christidis, Chair
BCOE Executive Committee

RE: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and
Senate Regulations 636 and 761

The BCOE Executive Committee met on March 5th, 2026. Regarding the Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761, the committee has no comment.





Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

March 10, 2026

To: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Annie Ditta, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761


The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761 at their March 6, 2026 meeting and were supportive of the proposed changes.



College of Humanities, Arts, and
Social Sciences
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 25, 2026

TO: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM: Iván Aguirre, Interim Chair 
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: [Systemwide Review] Proposal: Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and
Senate Regulations 636 and 761

The CHASS Faculty Executive Committee reviewed the Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761 and are in support of these revisions as they update language. The committee has no further comment or feedback.



April 22, 2026

TO: Kenneth N. Barish, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Harry Tom, Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

SUBJECT: [Systemwide Review] Proposal: Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal to revise Senate Bylaw 192 & Senate Regulations 636 and 761 at the April 7th meeting and has no comments to provide and are in support of the changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Harry Tom'.

Harry Tom, Ph.D
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

Date: February 23, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Randolph C. Head, Chair
Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

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Re: [Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has carefully reviewed the *Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761* and finds no issues with the proposed revisions.



March 24, 2026

TO: Ken Barish, PhD, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Adam Godzik, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine

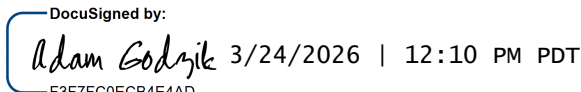
SUBJECT: **[Systemwide Review] Proposal: *Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761***

Dear Ken,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761

The committee understands that it pertains to undergraduate entry level writing requirements and votes to approve.

Yours sincerely,

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Adam Godzik, Ph.D.
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee School of Medicine

TO: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

FR: Kurt Schwabe, Chair 
Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: **[Comments] Re Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Revisions to Senate
Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761**

Date: April 6, 2026

The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy has reviewed the **Re Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761**. We have nothing to add to these revisions at this time.