



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

March 11, 2026

To: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Annie Ditta, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Senate Feedback to CEP Proposed Changes to SR 6.14

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the Senate Feedback to CEP's proposed changes to SR 6.14 to include the Lifted program. Enclosed with this message is the Lifted program's responses to the inquiries from Executive Council. CEP has no additional revisions to the proposed change to SR 6.14 and kindly requests that the proposed change be submitted for consideration of Divisional approval.

Enclosures: Response from Lifted Program
CEP Proposed Changes to SR 6.14

cc: Cherysa Cortez, Director, Academic Senate

From: <amosl@ucr.edu>

Date: Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Re: Fwd: [New Business] Proposed Change to SR6.14

To: Beth Beatty <beth.beatty@ucr.edu>

Cc: Annie Ditta <annied@ucr.edu>, Tanya Nieri <tanyan@ucr.edu>, Farah Godrej <godrej@ucr.edu>, Alexandria Howarth <akozl004@ucr.edu>

Hello Beth and Annie!

Thanks so much for your work on this. Here is our response to the questions brought forth by the Executive Council. Please let me know if you need it on official letter head or if you feel we should clarify our response in any way.

Overview:

We thank the Executive Council and the other FEC committees for their support of UCR LIFTED and our incarcerated students. We believe that UCR is best suited to provide a BA Program at Ironwood State Prison (ISP). Currently, there are 31 California State Prisons, but only 11 BA programs operating. Twenty prisons do not have a BA program. Ironwood State Prison is one of the prisons that has never had a BA program on site, especially due to its location in Blythe, CA (Riverside County). The closest universities to ISP is UCR and CSUSB and only UCR is currently operating a BA program in a prison.

What will the percentage of online vs in-person instruction be? How will in-person teaching work at such a distance? For example, will the faculty be physically present with the students, and for what percentage of the instructional time?

We have applied for and received CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) approval to transition our program to ISP as a hybrid model. We have also received WASC approval to run our hybrid program at ISP. We currently provide a BA in Education, Society and Human Development from the School of Education. Because our degree program inside prison is the same as our campus degree, we follow all the same regulations and requirements that exist on campus.

Therefore, in this hybrid model, all courses will be face to face in person or online through Zoom. We are not allowed to provide any asynchronous online coursework, even though the courses may be approved on campus to be taught in that format. This is to address the issue of less affiliation and interaction with UCR faculty. We also only offer courses that are campus approved. A majority (over 50%) of our courses will be in person hybrid. For in person courses we require the faculty member to teach on site between 2 to 3 times a quarter. Because each course is taught once weekly in a 3 hour block, faculty, at a minimum, will be required to be on site for 2 to 3 course sessions (i.e. 2 to 3 weeks of

instruction) out of the 10 week course. The remaining class sessions will be taught synchronously online through Zoom.

For courses approved by campus to be taught fully online, these courses will comprise less than 50% of our course offerings. In these courses all faculty will be required to teach synchronously each week on Zoom and we will still require them to teach in person at least 1 or 2 course sessions out of the 10 week course. Additional in-person support from a graduate student will be provided by the LIFTED program to support coursework on weeks the instructor is not in person.

Due to ISP's distance from campus, we plan to offer mileage reimbursement as well as covering one overnight stay for each class session taught in person at ISP.

How will the online/hybrid teaching work? Do students at the location have online access?

All students are provided a laptop and are enrolled in CDCR's Canvas. We develop our courses on their Canvas server and can download a UCR course we have taught and upload it to CDCR's Canvas as well. From there we can use all the functions normal to Canvas including email access with LIFTED students.

Currently, CDCR has equipped a room for UCR that has Zoom capabilities and we are working with both ISP and the XCITE team at UCR to ensure robust and meaningful engagement with our students at ISP. For each course taught synchronously online, LIFTED students will all be in the same lecture hall with Zoom capabilities. The course instructor will Zoom into the classroom space and the cameras in the classroom will show the students to the instructor online.

Is the program financially and logistically sustainable in its new location with current resources?

In terms of funding, every year we receive from the School of Education our FTE allotments for providing courses for our incarcerated students. With this revenue we pay for instructors to teach on overload with a stipend. Faculty have been generous with volunteering their time and expertise to teach for LIFTED. We do however, anticipate additional costs for travel that will be covered by the program with current resources.

Is this the best regulatory pathway/language to accommodate and support the program?

Yes, we believe that without this regulation change, students may not meet their residency requirement and therefore cannot graduate with a degree from UCR. Most LIFTED students prefer to be on campus, however, incarceration does not allow for them to leave the prison to attend courses on campus. We have meaningfully tried to access other state prisons closer to UCR, but they already have established BA programs.

Meaningful faculty engagement both in person and online are the hallmark of student engagement and because we do not offer asynchronous coursework, we believe the spirit behind the residency requirement is met by how we offer instruction.

Thank you for your partnership with LIFTED,

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Amos Lee, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Teaching

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University of California, Riverside

Founding Co-Director of UCR LIFTED

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**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION**

To Be Adopted

Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14

PRESENT:

06.14

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Statement of Purpose and Effect:

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exception) and been accepted through admissions to complete their degree at UCR. Incarcerated students cannot come to campus while they are incarcerated and faculty may choose not to participate if they must be in person for the entire quarter. This would limit our ability to offer enough courses to get students to degree.

Approvals:

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy: December 5, 2025

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate:

Received by Executive Council:



Academic Senate
Professor Kenneth Barish
Division Chair

February 18, 2026

Annie Ditta
Chair, Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14 (UCR's Prison Education Program LIFTED)

Dear Annie and Committee on Educational Policy Colleagues,

During the February 9, 2026 meeting the Executive Council discussed the proposal for changing regulation 6.14 to accommodate the closure of the Norco prison along with comments submitted by committees. I write to provide feedback for your consideration.

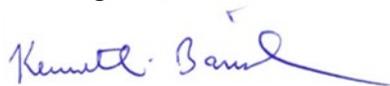
Executive Council is overwhelming in support of the program and its purpose, and grateful for your work with incarcerated students. Regulation 6.14 currently covers in-person faculty-led learning that takes place on a different site from the UCR campus, which the previous Norco program would have readily fit. We have several questions about how the program is going to work with the students 150 miles from UCR, and whether the proposed language change to Regulation 6.14 is the ideal way to accommodate the program:

- What will the percentage of online vs in-person instruction be?
- How will in-person teaching work at such a distance?
- For example, will the faculty be physically present with the students, and for what percentage of the instructional time?
- How will the online/hybrid teaching work? Do students at the location have online access?
- Is the program financially and logistically sustainable in its new location with current resources?
- Is this the best regulatory pathway/language to accommodate and support the program?

Further, other committees responded to the proposal with support and concerns and comments around grammar you may wish to consider; and finally, the SPP FEC's response also noted potential issues with the increased distance of the program from UCR.

Please address these questions and issues in a potential updated version of the proposal. When submitted, please address them to my attention with a courtesy copy to Senate Director Cherysa Cortez (cherysc@ucr.edu) with "New Business" in the subject line.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth Barish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Ken Barish, Chair
Academic Senate

Cc: Senate Analyst Beatty

Enclosures



January 22, 2026

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

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

SUBJECT: **[Campus Review] Proposed Regulation Change: *Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14***

Dear Ken,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the *Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14*.

The FEC is of the opinion that this regulation pertains to the Undergraduate programs and does not directly affect the School of Medicine. The FEC approves the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely,

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



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TO: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

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

RE: [\[Campus Review\] Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14](#)

Date: January 26th, 2026

The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy has reviewed the revisions to the [\[Campus Review\] Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14](#). The FEC of SPP is appreciative of the LIFTED program. When the Center was/is in Norco, UCR offering such a program seemed like a natural fit. Now that it is moving 150 miles away, this brings challenges and added costs, including (likely) less affiliation and interaction with UCR faculty, and likely more courses moving to online delivery. If there is a transition in this direction, we hope the proposers keep in mind what the added benefits are if UCR offers the program relative to some other institutions relative to the costs of maintaining the program.

Again, though, we are appreciative of the LIFTED program and their effort to transition to a new model.



1/26/2026

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: SOE FEC's Feedback on the Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14

The SOE Executive Committee reviewed the Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14. Comments/feedback were solicited at our executive committee meeting and via email.

The SOE's feedback on this regulation change is just grammatical in nature.

"Exceptions to this regulation for students enrolled in the Education Abroad, UC Sacramento, or the UC Washington, D.C., or the Prison Education Programs are permissible." - Having "or" twice in this same sentence seems excessive. The sentence could be revised to "Exceptions to this regulation for students enrolled in the Education Abroad, UC Sacramento, the UC Washington, D.C., or the Prison Education Programs are permissible."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kinnari Atit" followed by a stylized flourish.

Kinnari Atit
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee
Associate Professor
School of Education
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**College of Humanities, Arts, and
Social Sciences
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

January 14, 2026

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

FROM: Iván Aguirre, Interim Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14

The CHASS Executive Committee reviewed the Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14. The committee had no comment and approved the proposed regulation change.



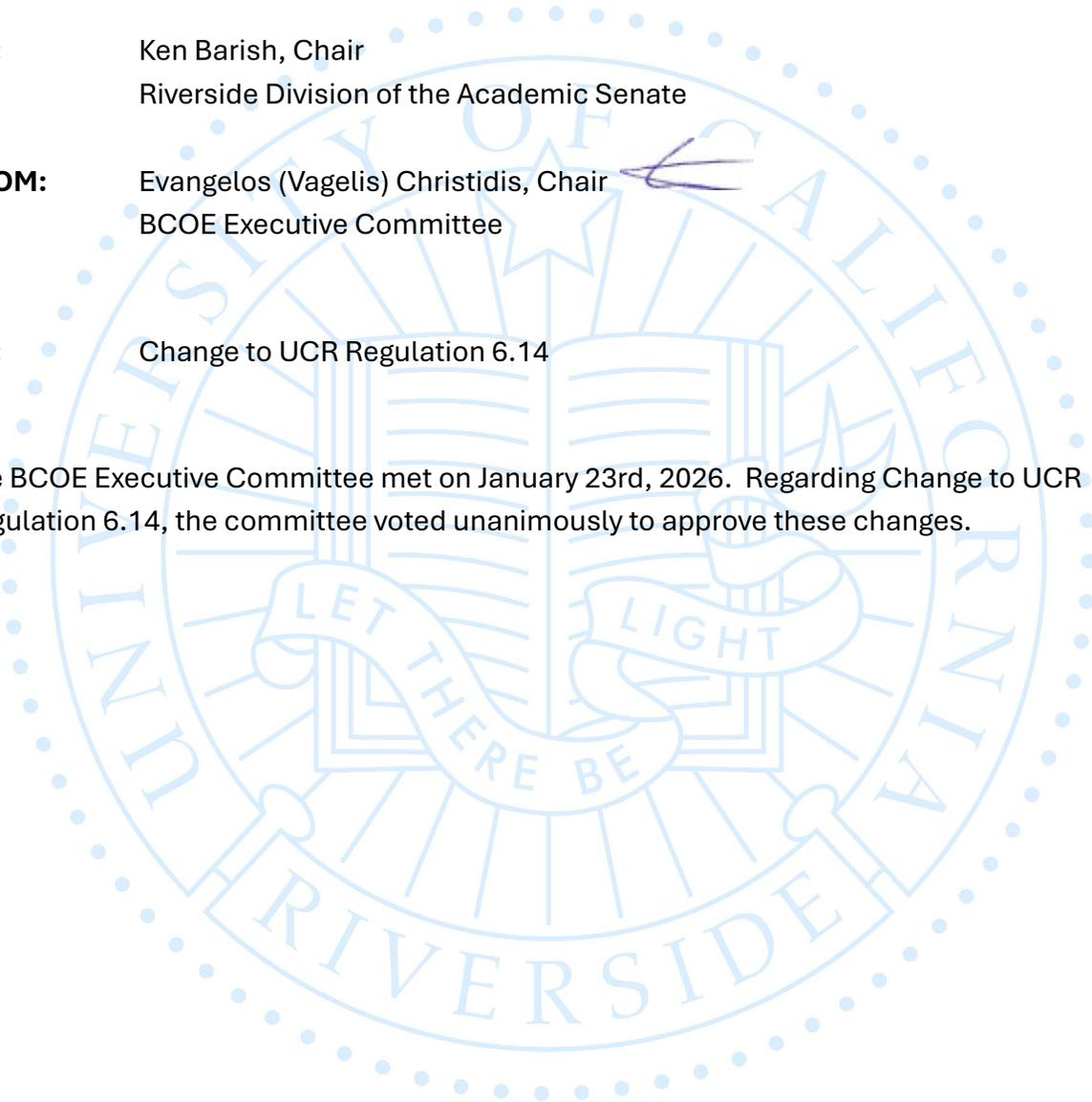
January 23, 2026

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

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

RE: Change to UCR Regulation 6.14

The BCOE Executive Committee met on January 23rd, 2026. Regarding Change to UCR Regulation 6.14, the committee voted unanimously to approve these changes.





Academic Senate

Committee on Information Technology

January 15, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: John Franchak, Chair
Committee on Information Technology

Re: CR. Proposed Riverside Regulation 06.14

The committee discussed the proposed regulation and had no comments.



January 9th, 2026

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

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

SUBJECT: [Campus Review] Proposed Regulation Change: Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed regulation changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14 at the January 6th meeting and has no objections to the proposed 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 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

January 8, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Igor Barsukov, Chair
Committee on International Education

Re: **[Campus Review] (Proposed Regulation Change) Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14**

The Committee on International Education reviewed the proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14 at their meeting on January 8, 2026, and had no comments.



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

Date: January 5, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Head".

Re: [Campus Review] (Proposed Regulation Change) Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has carefully considered *Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14*. The Committee appreciates that the proposed bylaw changes are meant to remove the undue burden to be caused by meeting the residency requirement for accepted incarcerated students. With this, R&J believes the proposed regulations would benefit from minor modifications to increase clarity and consistency. If completed, the committee approves of this bylaw change with no further committee review.

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction offers the following to assist in the above:

Line 14 Remove 'or' to become "...UC Sacramento, the..."



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

January 7, 2025

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division Academic Senate

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

Re: **[Campus Review] (Proposed Regulation Change) Proposed Changes to Riverside Regulation 06.14**

The Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CODEI) has reviewed the above proposed changes to UCR Regulation 6.14. The committee is in support of this change and the provision made for the prison education program provided therein.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
February 24, 2026**

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Approvals:

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy:

December 5, 2025

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the

Academic Senate:

Received by Executive Council: