

November 23, 2016

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair

Riverside Division

From: Ryan Julian, Chair

Graduate Council

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.