



January 9, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Chris Chase-Dunn, Chair *Chris Chase-Dunn*  
Committee on Courses

Re: VPUE Proposal for Teaching Credit for Faculty-led Internship Courses

The Committee on Courses reviewed the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Educations proposal for teaching credit for faculty-led internship courses at their December 1, 2016 meeting. The Committee commented that academic credit should be awarded to faculty for faculty-led internship courses based on the number of contact hours that are required in the courses as some internship courses are more intensive than others.

The Committee's concern is that while many departmental internships include an academic component and significant faculty engagement with students, others do not. Even in the former case, faculty contact hours are not always comparable to those associated with a typical course. For example, a faculty member would need to spend at least 30 hours (three hours/week) with students enrolled in an internship course to make it equivalent to other four-unit courses offered at UCR.