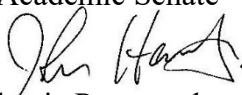




COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

December 12, 2016

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: John Heraty, Chair 
Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Proposed Policy: VPUE Proposal to Allow Enrollment in Research and Internship Courses for Zero Units

CAP was asked to review the VPUE proposal to allow enrollment in research and internship courses for zero credits. The Committee found the review item to be outside its purview, as the implications of the proposed policy does not have a direct bearing on the merit and promotion process. However, CAP was inclined to provide a faculty perspective and offers the following comments.

Overall the members were supportive of the use of the zero-credit option for research credits (197 and 199 courses). The zero-credit proposal was seen as a benefit for students to work with credit hour caps and also to gain recognition for their research involvement on the campus. The option may allow administration to better track research involvement, but likely it will always be an underestimate based on faculty and students that choose not to participate. One member cited the blurred line between student research and student employment, and the potential for inadvertent or deliberate abuse.