

October 10, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair

**Riverside Division** 

From: Pete Sadler, Chair PM Sadles

Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Re: Proposed Revision to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area D)

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area D) at their October 10, 2017 meeting. We recommend in favor of their adoption.

Alignment with the Next Generation Science Standards for high-schools is a good opportunity to change the third year of area "d" from recommended to required. The three year pattern reduces our concern that the addition of more subjects (Earth and Space Sciences and Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science) to the Area D requirement might diminish the treatment of the foundational sciences.

Not all field and laboratory science skills can be taught effectively on-line. We will continue to depend on UC's course-by-course approval process to insist on substantive, meaningful content.