




March 10, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: UCR Online Course Agreement for ILTI

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the UCR Online Course Agreement for ILTI at their March 6, 2020 meeting and noted concern that in general the agreement was not clear to understand. Specifically, the Committee noted the vagueness of the distinction in Section 1 – Intellectual Property Ownership – between the portion of the Course owned by the Contributor and the portion owned by the Regents (Items 1.1.1 and 1.1.2); as it stands it is not clear, for instance, whether video recording of a Contributor’s lecture done with Campus equipment is owned by one or the other. Moreover, the Committee noted that that in the current version of the Agreement there is no stipulation that remuneration (monetary or otherwise) in case of repetition (without modification) of the Course at UCR (Item 2.2). This contrast with the original language of Item 2.2 in the September 14 draft where (albeit not quite transparently) it is stated that “Contributor shall also be entitled to a royalty share each time the Course is used for online credit bearing instruction in a manner that generates commercial revenues for The Regents, the amount of which will be determined between the Contributor and the offering campus.” Lack of such provision seems to indicate that the Campus may reiterate (for up to 6 years) a given Course without consent or compensation of the Instructor. The Committee recommends that the agreement be revised so that it is clear to promote understanding by readers and provide clarity.