




April 2, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: COVID-19 Response Temporary Modification to UCR Graduate Regulation (GR)
1.5.7

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed and unanimously supports the COVID-19 response to temporarily modify UCR Graduate Regulation (GR) 1.5.7 for graduate course withdrawals offered in Spring 2020 only.

We may take into account that for graduate students the language (both in the existing and the proposed regulations) appears a bit misleading, insofar as the term "advisor" has quite different meaning for undergrads (academic advisor) and grads (grad advisor or thesis advisor). Also, a grad student dropping below 12 units loses eligibility for TAs and GSR fellowships, hence their withdrawal may need scrutiny (which grad advisors may be overlooking as normally withdrawals for grad students are likely very exceptional in standard circumstances).