




April 17, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Request Suspension of Course Evaluation for Spring 2020

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the request to suspend course evaluations for Spring 2020 at their April 3, 2020 meeting. The Committee discussed the proposal at length and recognized that the issue is multifaceted. Some members observed that students are consistently biased in their evaluations against women and minorities. Other Committee members recognized the need for students to have a voice and submit an evaluation of their courses and emphasized the importance of not taking away this ability. Moreover, many members are not sure that the structure and questions of the current evaluations are appropriate for Spring 2020 courses based on the remote instruction of courses. Committee members also recommended that evaluations completed for Spring 2020 instruction not be used in the merit and promotion process, if not in a positive manner in the case where the instructor managed to do an outstanding job despite of the difficult circumstances.