



COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

July 8, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

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RE: Proposal to Establish Division of Undergraduate Education

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the proposal to establish a Division of Undergraduate Education at their June 26, 2020 meeting and have several recommendations for additions to the proposal to provide more clarity.

The Committee noted that the proposal did not provide the difference between an “academic division” and a department or college or school. The Committee recommends that the proposal be updated to include this information and also document the hierarchy of an academic division compared to a school or college. The Committee also noted it was unclear what scholarly work would be required of faculty members of the division and how their qualifications for merit and promotion would be determined and recommends that this be addressed in the proposal. The Committee also recommends that the proposal be updated to include a statement about the current system in the Office of Undergraduate Education and how a division would enhance the Office of Undergraduate Education’s function, governance, and contribution to undergraduate life. The Committee believes that the proposal might also benefit from including how similar academic divisions operate at other UC Campuses.

The Committee noted concern regarding the University Writing program as it was unclear if it will become a department within the Division. The Committee recommends that the proposal be updated to address this concern and also note if additional departments are planned.

The Committee notes that the proposal would benefit from more information on the proposed executive committee, particularly, if the members will be elected as they are for the College/School Faculty Executive Committees and if so, who the members will be elected by. Additionally, the Committee requests that the proposal clarify the membership of the proposed executive committee to note if members will be representative of all Colleges and Schools or just the proposed new Division.