




May 26, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair   
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Proposal to Extend Covid-19 Remote Instruction at UCR

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the proposal to extend Covid-19 remote instruction at UCR at their May 22, 2020 meeting.

The Committee appreciates that the proposal allows flexibility for the instruction of in person courses when necessary to allow the instruction of lab and studio courses. The Committee recommends that the Administration consider further flexibility to allow for a small number of classes (e.g. Senior labs) that do not have an acceptable remote instruction version to be offered exclusively in person. To add the necessary flexibility, one or more alternative courses that are remote only could be offered as an acceptable substitute in the degree requirements and could be approved on a departmental basis with substitutions approved by the lead faculty advisor. Additionally, the Committee appreciates that the proposal allows faculty to choose if they want to be on campus during this time.

The Committee recommends that the proposal be revised to acknowledge the potential reality of the necessity for remote instruction for longer than the Fall 20 Quarter and to also provide a process if the situation is resolved quicker than expected.

Lastly, the Committee did note concern that it is logistically difficult to offer a course both in person and online and recommends that the Administration further document the resources available for this option.