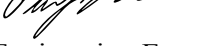


March 26, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Philip Brisk, Chair 
Bourns College of Engineering Executive Committee

Re: COVID-19 Response Temporary Suspension and Replacement of UCR Regulations R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2 for Spring 2020

The BCOE Executive Committee supports the proposed COVID-19 Response Temporary Suspension and Replacement of UCR Regulations R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2 for Spring 2020.

BCOE Dean Christopher Lynch brought up several suggestions, which the BCOE Executive Committee would like to convey to the Executive Council and to the other Colleges.

R1.1.4, requires the approval of the advisor to drop a course through the eighth full week of the quarter. Advisors need to be made aware of implications for students beyond academic performance, e.g., how dropping a course may impact financial aid. We also need to recognize that this policy could significantly impact advisor workload, and make sure that plans are in-place to mitigate the impact. One possibility would be for the Undergraduate Faculty Advisor for each Major to pre-approve petitions, for example, for students who are in good academic standing.

R1.2.3 addresses approval petitions to count courses taken on a S/NC basis toward major/program degree credit. One possible concern is that students who opt for S/NC grading could suffer adverse impact with respect to future applications for graduate study, medical school, etc. The BCOE Executive Committee respectfully encourages all UCR graduate programs to impose no penalty on future applicants from any college or university who have S/NC grades for courses in their degree programs for the Winter/Spring 2020 semester/quarter.