

GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 26, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council



Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Regulation Change: *Proposed COVID-19 Response Temporary Suspension & Replacement of UCR Regulations (R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2) for Spring 2020*

The Graduate Council reviewed the temporary suspension and replacement of UCR Regulations R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2 for Spring 2020 due to COVID-19. The Council was supportive of the temporary changes, but it was unclear to some members why graduate student withdrawal past week 2 is a permanent record of 'W' on the transcript, but undergraduate students can withdraw later without that mark on the transcript. Our graduate student TAs face major new challenges with online transition, and GSRs face new anxieties in terms of not being able to access labs. It seems fair to give them the same temporary leeway in terms of course withdrawal that the undergraduates are receiving.