

**UC RIVERSIDE** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | **Academic Senate**  
**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION**

March 25, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh   
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Re: Temporary Suspension of UCR Regulations R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2

The committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed changes and found the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate. However, the committee would like to provide the following suggestions.

Delegating Dean approval for dropping courses after week 8 (R1.1.5): Requiring Deans to approve dropping courses after week 8 may create a bottleneck at the end of the Spring quarter. This authority could be delegated to student advisors—or if more senior approval is desired—then an Associate Dean.

Providing a mechanism to extend temporary regulation suspension beyond Spring 2020: Given the uncertainty around COVID-19, a mechanism to extend the temporary suspension of these regulations to Summer 2020 and possibly Fall 2020 is recommended.

Including flexibility for graduate courses: Though the scope of this proposal is undergraduate courses, the committee would like to express its strong support for similar flexibility for graduate courses, given that many graduate students are international students facing financial hardship and uncertainty due to COVID-19. In particular, a permanent W that would be on a graduate student's transcript after week 2 seems troubling, given that week 1 has been deemed a "soft, transitional week."