

GRADUATE COUNCIL

December 2, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council



**Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Regulation Change: Senate Regulation R1.8.1-
Final Exam Duration**

Graduate Council reviewed the proposal to change Senate Regulation R1.8.1 – Final Exam Duration at their November 21, 2019 meeting. Graduate Council considered the impact of the change in exam duration for undergraduates on the graduate students. The Council noted there are positive aspects to this in that it will reduce graduate student workload and time spent grading exams. The reading day will also be a benefit to graduate students preparing for their own exams. However, two hours may not be enough time to complete exams in some courses, especially courses in which exams are weighted heavily. It is also unclear how graduate classes can still operate with a potential 3-hour exam period while undergraduate courses would be on 2 hours, this patchwork seems prone to conflicts. The Council recognizes the problems this change can have on both undergraduate instruction but also the benefits of a reading day. At this time the committee feels more details on implementation are needed and the potential impact on classes that currently use a 3-hour exam.