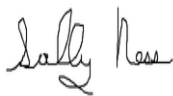




November 22, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sally Ness 
Chair, Committee on Physical Resources Planning

Re: Campus Review-Proposed changes to Senate Regulation R1.8.1-Final Exam Duration

The Committee on Physical Resources Planning reviewed the Proposed changes to Senate Regulation R1.8.1-Final Exam Duration at their November 21, 2019 meeting and came to a consensus that the shift from a three-hour to a two-hour final exam duration would be unlikely to have any adverse impact on campus physical resources. On the contrary the change would, if anything, be likely to result in less wear and tear overall since the total number of hours of usage in the buildings involved would be decreased. However, the committee did not vote to approve the proposed changes at the meeting because there was general concern that the memorandum of October 7, 2019 from Ken Baerenklau to Chair Rodriguez attached to the proposed changes, which was evidently intended to serve in the place of a Statement of Purpose and Effect, not only did not do so, but actually undermined the proposal to change R1.8.1 in two ways: 1) with its account of four other possible solutions to the problems of final exam scheduling that the proposed change was designed to address, one of which was characterized as "not [having] received much discussion yet," and 2) with its statement urging that, "if the Senate decides to take up this issue, the policy decision should be informed by broad feedback from our campus and the experiences of other campuses (both UC and non-UC) that may have changed their exam schedules and studied outcomes." With regard to 2) in particular, no such process of gathering comparative information appears to have been undertaken. This being the case, the committee viewed the request to approve the proposed change at this time premature and would respectfully request that a new Statement of Purpose and Effect be formulated for the proposed changes that actually supports them unambiguously and on the basis of such evidence as the memorandum recommends be collected.