

GRADUATE COUNCIL

November 1, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council



Re: Proposed Agreement: UCR Online Course Agreement (ILTI Agreement)

Graduate Council reviewed the proposed UCR Online Course Agreement at their October 17, 2019 meeting. The concerns raised by Graduate Council's review and discussion of the text follow.

1. The committee is concerned about how content of online courses will be revisited to ensure they are not stagnating. For example, creators of courses may leave the university and then the content of these online courses may remain unchanged. If an online course content is to be offered again, the committee wants to be sure that the decision to use the content rests with the department faculty and the instructor of responsibility.
2. Related to the above point, the committee is concerned about procedures for periodic reviews of online courses. What is the proposed procedure for review and who is responsible for overseeing this? How would procedures for program reviews be updated to reflect the need to ensure online courses are not stagnating?
3. The committee feels that the language in section 1.1.3 on page 5 is not specific enough about what might constitute a "reasonable notice" and a "timely objection."
4. The committee feels that it would help to clarify what might constitute "portions of the course" created by The Regents, either in the agreement or in an attached FAQ. This would also help faculty who sign the agreement to be fully informed on this point.