




Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

April 7, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

RE: Revised Proposal for Formalization of Division Status for Undergraduate Education

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the revised proposal for the formalization of Division status for Undergraduate Education at their April 2, 2021 meeting and were appreciative that the proposal was revised to address many of the concerns from the initial Senate consultation of the proposal.

The Committee requests that the proposal be updated to reflect a contradictory statement in the proposal regarding the number of campuses whose Divisions of Undergraduate Education are both administrative and academic units. On page two of the proposal, it is noted that three campuses' Divisions have both administrative and academic units, while page twelve of the proposal notes that six campuses have Divisions that serve both as administrative and academic units.

The Committee remains concerned that the proposal does not include a compelling reason for the change in status. The Committee requests that the proposal be updated to include a fundamental rationale for why the change in status is needed and how it will benefit undergraduate education on campus.

Additional concern was noted that the proposal does not document if the proposed Division will expand academic offerings including the creation of courses. The Committee requests that the proposal be updated to document how academic offerings will be developed by the proposed Division.