



GRADUATE COUNCIL

February 23, 2022

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Don Collins, Chair
Graduate Council

Re: [Campus Review] Proposal: 2nd Round-Role of the UCR Office of Financial Planning and Analysis in the Establishment and Financial Management of Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDs)

Graduate Council reviewed the revised proposal of the role of the UCR Office of Financial Planning & Analysis (FP&A) in the Establishment and Financial Management of Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs at their February 17, 2022 meeting. Though FP&A satisfactorily addressed many of the concerns raised during the previous review, the Council still has some requests and questions:

- The Council would like confirmation that this policy will apply to existing SSGPDPs. It is assumed that this is part of the transition plans that will be developed for existing programs, but it is not clear.
- The Council did not feel there was enough acknowledgement of the staff labor that goes into supporting these types of programs. It should be clarified, and language should be added that all incoming revenue is considered and reported *before* the percentage returned to central campus is assessed. A specific element of this request is that any costs associated with companies hired to assist in marketing a program, developing courses, and/or delivery of course material should not be subtracted from the revenue on which an assessment is based.
- Along with the annual report of assessment revenue and allocations, reports on the campus resources that are used by these programs should be provided to the Academic Senate Committee on Planning & Budget and evaluated on a regular basis to determine their true cost. It is quite possible that the cost is well above 10% to 15%. In fact, some members of the Council felt that the assessment percentage for SSGPDPs should be at least 20%. While the Council appreciates the percentage ranges being defined, it may be helpful if the policy stated that the actual percentage will vary from program to program and may be different than the specified range based on campus resources used by the program.

- The Council would like to know what business model is being used – SSGPDPs are supposed to develop accounting methods that would demonstrate in quantitative terms that the SSGPDP is not harming but helping the state-supported program.

The Council will reach out to proposers to request they attend a Graduate Council meeting in an effort to resolve remaining issues so that implementation can begin.