October 30, 2022

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Division Chair of the UCR Division of the Academic Senate and Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of the UCR Academic Senate

From: Raquel M. Rall, Ph.D., Faculty Chair of the School of Education Executive Committee

Subject: Proposed Regulation Change- Proposed Amendment to State Regulation 630

The SOE Executive Committee reviewed the Proposed Regulation Change- Proposed Amendment to State Regulation 630 and discussed any comments/feedback at our executive committee meeting on October 25, 2022. Additional comments were also received via email.

While overall, we understand the purpose of the amendment, we want to make sure to note that online courses are an important avenue for completion for marginalized populations. Many of our commuting students, returning students, student parents, low-income students, etc., leverage and maximize online courses in order to ensure they are able to keep various parts of their lives in “balance”. With the investment in online education and the improvement of online courses, there may be a way for students to effectively complete their requirements as long as there is an online path available to them. Data should be taken and used to inform any further amendments to see the ways that changes may help or hinder degree attainment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

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