



COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

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To: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Annie Ditta, Chair
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: [Campus Review] Proposal: UCR Registrar's Implementation of UCR Senate Regulation 6.14 (UCR SR 6.14) - 35 Units In Residence Requirement

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the UCR Registrar's Implementation of UCR Senate Regulation 6.14 – 35 Units In Residence Requirement at their March 7, 2025 meeting. CEP was supportive of the proposal, but it was unclear to members how “mostly in-person” and “mostly online” will be decided. Will the Committee on Courses be required to approve mostly online and mostly in-person modalities? The line in the proposal stating that the Courses approval process would remain unchanged suggests not, but this could create confusion with instructors choosing how much of their course to offer online/in-person (which could differ from quarter to quarter based on instructor preference if there is no oversight from beyond the department).

There were also a couple of concerns related to specific terminology used in the proposal. CEP felt that the addition of “contact hours” somewhere in the definitions, perhaps to replace “section content” may make things clearer. Additionally, the term “Primary activity” was confusing to members – is this referring to lectures or discussions?

Finally, CEP expressed a broader concern regarding the spirit behind this proposal. As it is meant to track the 35 units-in-residence requirement, will this process suffice for ensuring that students are taking courses in-person? How will “mostly in-person” classes count toward this requirement? Who will track and enforce this?

To address the two interpretation questions raised in the proposal: CEP confirms that the interpretation of #1 is correct, and would like to clarify for #2 that meeting the requirement will be based on earned, not attempted, units.