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To: Kenneth Barish, Division Chair of the UCR Division of the Academic Senate and Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of the UCR Academic Senate

From: Katherine Meltzoff, Ph.D., Faculty Chair of the School of Education Executive Committee

Subject: Changes to Riverside Senate Regulation 6 - Campus Graduation Requirements to Add Campus Residency Requirement (UCR SR 6.14)

The SOE Executive Committee reviewed the Changes to Riverside Senate Regulation 6 - Campus Graduation Requirements to Add Campus Residency Requirement (UCR SR 6.14). Comments/feedback were solicited at our executive committee meeting and via email.

The following questions/concerns were raised by SOE FEC members:

1. When will the change go into effect? Will this be for new students who enter or will current students be impacted? For fairness purposes, I do not think any current students should have to adhere to these changes as they entered the institution with a different standard.
2. Who gets to decide which courses meet the following standard, "The 35 units must be in courses designed to deliver at least 50% of instructional hours in person on the UCR campus"?
3. Can this be conceptualized related to courses rather than units? If it has to be units, is there rationale for this? I ask this because some disciplines have courses with larger (or fewer) unit classes so some people are getting this done faster or slower than others.
4. Do we have any data on how UCR students compare to other campuses when it comes to commuting status? I wonder if we might have more commuters that would be adversely impacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

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