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Academic Senate

PLANNING AND BUDGET

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To: Kenneth Barish, Chair

Riverside Division

From: David Oglesby, Chair

Committee on Planning and Budget

Re: [Systemwide Review] Interim Policy: Presidential Interim Policy for UC's Use of

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Online Program Management Companies

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the *Presidential Interim Policy for UC's Use of Online Program Management Companies*. CPB has the following questions and comments:

- Why do course evaluations for online program management (OPM)-supported courses not use the same (recently revised) course evaluations that all other UCR courses use?
- When for-profit OPMs hire faculty, the document requires that they are accompanied by "information stating that they have been reviewed and approved by the division/school offering the program." (Page 3)
 - What is the mechanism by which outside contract faculty are reviewed to be able to become approved or not approved?
 - Students need to be reassured that when they are getting a UCR degree, that UCR has a significant investment in that program.
- Are we looking at a potential future in which outside profit-making management is in competition with UC staff (unionized and local) and faculty? It is not clear what the financial and personnel implications of such a move would be.