



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION

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To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Agnieszka Jaworska, Chair
Committee on Preparatory Education

Re: **[Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761**

The Committee on Preparatory Education (CPE) reviewed the [Systemwide Review] (Proposal) Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 192 and Senate Regulations 636 and 761 and expressed the following concerns:

Under Bylaw 192.B.2, the phrase "including the language needs of students from diverse linguistic backgrounds" is used. This phrase seems redundant and unnecessarily divides and separates students. We are concerned about this kind of segregation because preparatory education should be uniformly applied to all students who need such education without discrimination or prejudice based on background. Preparatory education is not more important or less important for students of different backgrounds. ***The CPE would like a clarification of the phrase "students from diverse linguistic background." In its current iteration and without clarification, the CPE would like the phrase "including the language needs of students from diverse linguistic background" not to be included in the revision.***

Under Bylaw 192.B.3, the phrase "oversight of divisional writing placement systems and process" is used. This suggests a direct contradiction to one of the two primary recommendations made by the ELWR Task Force. The task force recommended that campuses have autonomy when it comes to ELWR, and "oversight" suggests otherwise. Further, there are at least two specific references in the ELWR Task Force report that note placement should be run by local campuses because local campuses have the best understanding of their student populations. ***The CPE suggests that the word "oversight" be replaced with the word "monitor" to maintain accordance with the ELWR Task Force report and to be consistent with the language of "monitoring" found in the rest of Bylaw 192.***

Under Bylaw 192.B.3, the word "supervise" is used. This approach seems a bit heavy-handed. ***Perhaps the word "review" would work better so as to maintain autonomy among the campuses.***

Under SR 636.B.2, the phrase "informed by the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council" is proposed to be struck. The ECC is where the local campuses' writing programs have a direct voice. This voice (again per the ELWR Task Force report) should be a guiding and even driving voice in these discussions. ***The CPE would like to see this phrase ("informed by the recommendation of the Entry Level Writing Requirement Coordinating Council") retained in its current form in SR 636.B.2.***