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TO: Ken Barish, PhD, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Adam Godzik, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine

SUBJECT: **[Campus Review] (Proposal) Proposed Changes to the Committee on Courses General Policies for Courses of Instruction**

Dear Ken,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the Proposal: *Online Undergraduate Course Access for Graduate Students via UC Online Portal.*

The committee is of the opinion that this is mainly a technical modernization of course policy. The main effects for SOM students would be clearer regulation of hybrid/online courses. The courses with ≥50% of primary instructional contact online would formally count as distance education and require explicit approval and "regular and substantive interaction", and new rules permitting **mezzanine courses** that combine upper-division and graduate students.

Yours sincerely,

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