November 26, 2012

Robert Powell, Chair, Academic Council
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Dear Bob:


The Executive Council reviewed the proposed APM 430 addition to the Academic Personnel Manual; the committees on Academic Personnel, Graduate Council, International Education, and Research also commented on the proposal. The responses were all positive and we recommend adoption with two proposed changes:

1. The limitation of the appointment to one year (430-20.a) is overly restrictive; we suggest allowing the possibility to renew the appointment, contingent, of course, on approval by the authority in charge.

2. The requirement that the Visiting Scholar be affiliated with an outside institution or agency might also be overly restrictive as it would exclude some very desirable Visitors, such as some McArthur Fellowship recipients. We suggest language be added to include these cases.

In addition, it would be useful to specify whether the appointees would be able to receive housing assistance and to indicate the campus services Visitors would have access to (library, network, etc.)

Sincerely yours,
Jose Wudka
Professor of Physics & Astronomy and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Martha Kendall Winnacker, Executive Director of the Academic Senate
    Cynthia Palmer, Director of UCR Academic Senate office
September 26, 2012

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
    Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: Sarjeet Gill, Chair
      Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed New Policy - APM 430, Visiting Scholars

On September 24, 2012, CAP voted unanimously to approve APM 430 - Visiting Scholars (+10-0-0). In addition, CAP suggests that appointment of Visiting Scholars be delegated to the Deans.
November 2, 2012

To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Connie Nugent, Chair  
Graduate Council

Re: SYSTEMWIDE REVIEW OF PROPOSED NEW POLICY – APM 430, VISITING SCHOLARS

Graduate Council discussed APM 430 at its October 18, 2012 meeting and agreed that it clarifies issues surrounding the visiting scholar title. Visiting Scholars play an important role in spreading the impact of UCR internationally. This policy was considered to be beneficial to both UCR and to the scholar. One question the committee raised is whether housing assistance for Visiting Scholars would be permissible under this policy.
To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Academic Senate, Riverside Division  

From: Lucille Chia, Chair  
International Education  

Re: Comments from IEC on the APM 430 Review  

The Committee on International Education has reviewed the APM 430 Review (allowing for appointments of students and academics as Visiting Scholars) document and is in support of the policy. The committee’s comments in support of APM 430 are as follows:  

The new academic title makes sense. A committee member provided the example of losing a visiting scientist who had support from his government to come to UCR for a research leave. However, the visiting scientist’s stipend was below the UC pay scale for a postdoc and UC required that a large supplement from grant funds be provided, which was not available using the current available grants at that time. Even after the visiting scientist offered to set up an account to support himself from personal funds, he still was unable to come to UCR because postdocs cannot be self-supported according to UC rules. The new category proposed here eliminates this problem by creating a nonpaid category for visiting scholars who are self-supported or who come here with support from their own government or university.  

One committee member who supported APM 430 did question if the policy will come with the same privileges such as library access, ID card, and network ID as other titles have access to.  

As chair of the committee, I support the new policy, since it provides greater flexibility, which is much needed, in welcoming students and post-docs from abroad to come to UCR, who otherwise may encounter regulations that do not allow them to come.
November 13, 2012

To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

Fr: Len Nunney, Chair  
Research

Re: APM 430, Visiting Scholars

The Committee on Research discussed APM 430 pertaining to Visiting Scholars. There was strong support for having such a title, and the committee's only major concern was that its use should not be restricted by a narrow interpretation of a scholar’s need to be "affiliated" with an outside institution or agency. The committee felt that if a scholar is being supported by a scholarly agency (e.g. the MacArthur Foundation), they should be permitted to come to UCR even though they may not be strictly "affiliated". The committee suggests explicitly broadening the definition to include scholarly funding.