



September 20, 2012

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Connie Nugent, Chair 
Graduate Council

Re: DRAFT POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The policy is difficult for most faculty to understand because we do not have a clear sense of all the types of activities that fall under this new policy. Could these be further specified, perhaps in a preface to the policy itself, and could it be made clear which activities fall into which of the two major categories and which may fall outside of those categories altogether?

From the perspective of Graduate Council, it would be especially valuable to know how research and study abroad opportunities for graduate students might be affected by this policy (if at all).

One of our members wrote to us with the following astute comments which in part, echo point 1 above:

The key seems to be Chair Wudka's observation that 'activity' was not defined with clarity. The sections on formal units and subsidiaries seem clear; other sections (e.g., III.A.6) could perhaps apply to requests from conference organizers at non-U.S. universities for keynote addresses or workshops that would not require any financial obligation on the part of the UC. One way to address this issue might be to include a broad list of potential activities that would not fall under the units and subsidiaries categories, with a clear illustration of how the proposed expansion of policy could affect individual faculty.

Another member with much experience in the systemwide Education Abroad Program (EAP) wonders how the existing and rich systemwide international

studies opportunities for students will be affected by this new policy. How, for example, will EAP be administered in the future and who will control its budget? Could this be spelled out more fully? Even if EAP is not directly affected by the policy, it would be helpful to know more about how it will be administered for the foreseeable future. It may also be helpful to hear locally from our Senate Committee on International Education and get their input on the proposed policy (if that has not already been done).