

March 3, 2014

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Lynda Bell, Chair *Lynda S. Bell*
Graduate Council

RE: Creation of Joint Administrative Senate Committee for Summer Session

Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the proposal to create a new committee structure to oversee decisions about Summer Session at their February 20, 2014 meeting. The Graduate Council was concerned about communication between the two committees now proposed and suggested that the Administrative Steering Committee be a subcommittee of the larger Academic Steering Committee. The reason for the concern is that Graduate Council members believe that faculty input is important in all decisions related to Summer Session including critical issues of funding. If the Administrative Steering Committee does not have adequate faculty representation, and funds are shifted in ways that alter the composition of classes offered (cutting some or many, for example), faculty members' expertise on curriculum matters will be absent from the deliberations. GC finds this worrisome since under the rules of shared governance, the faculty is charged with oversight on all matters related to curriculum.