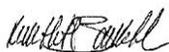




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To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Ken Baerenklau, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Review of Proposed Changes to Senate Bylaw 182

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the proposed changes to Senate Bylaw 182: University Committee on International Education (UCIE). CEP is generally supportive of the broadening of UCIE's purview in order to reflect the changing landscape of international university activities, and also to better align UCIE with campus-level international education committees. However CEP members felt that some of the language in the proposal was overly general and vague, and left open questions of how exactly UCIE would implement its proposed expanded charge. Two sections are of particular concern:

1. Section B, part 1 states that UCIE's new purview will include considering and reporting on matters of international research that are referred to it. International research is typically performed by faculty, graduate and post-graduate students, and it is not uncommon for their involvement and financial support to be governed by agreements at the federal level (e.g., CERN and the Large Hadron Collider). However this is less well defined for undergraduate students working in this environment. Therefore some clarification of the proposed role of UCIE would be appreciated as the proposed text is unclear on this topic. For example, CEP members wondered what types of matters might be referred to UCIE. What kinds of feedback might UCIE provide? Which matters, if any, concerning international research would be beyond UCIE's purview?
2. Section B, part 2(i) states that UCIE's new purview will include reporting, conferring, and advising on matters concerning international research in which UC students and/or faculty participate. CEP members wondered about the level of involvement by UCIE in international research agreements. Members were generally supportive of university-wide policy-level involvement but could not determine if UCIE also plans to be involved at the level of individual agreements. Members questioned whether involvement in individual agreements would be worthwhile or even justifiable.

CEP would welcome additional specificity and clarifications in these areas.