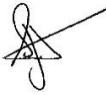


January 20, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stephen Wimpenny, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: VPUE Proposal to Allow Enrollment in Research Courses for Zero Units

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education's (VPUE) proposal to allow enrollment in research courses for zero units at their December 2, 2016 and January 13, 2017 meetings. At this point, the Committee is not supportive of the proposal due to concerns about the administration of the courses and the lack of justification of how the proposal will benefit the students. In particular, it was opined that the value of a 0 unit course on a transcript is open to question, and may be of no significant benefit to the student. The committee recommends that the proposal be revised to provide a more complete explanation on both of these points.