COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
May 19, 2009

To be received and placed on file:

The Committee met three times in 2008-2009. It conducted other business by email.

1. The Committee provided written advice to Division Chair Anthony Norman concerning the Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal on General Education Reform entitled “Focused Concentrations and Breadth,” which will make changes in campus breadth requirements.

2. At the request of systemwide Senate Chair Mary Croughan via Division Chair Anthony Norman, the Committee provided a written evaluation of the proposed Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which will modify UC’s financial aid programs for undergraduates.

3. The Committee discussed reports by the Committee Chair on UCOPE meetings in Oakland, which largely concerned the impact of financial exigencies on preparatory education systemwide and on individual campuses.

4. The Committee provided advice on and general approval for “Writing Across the Curriculum” alternatives to English 1C presented by Professor John Briggs, Chair of the University Writing Program.

5. The Committee provided advice on and general approval for an “intensive” English 1A alternative to Basic Writing for selected ELWR students, as presented by Professor John Briggs and Vice Provost David Fairris.

6. The Committee reviewed and provided advice on the organizational chart for the University Writing Program.

7. At the request of the Academic Council via Riverside Division Chair Norman, the Committee is in the process of reviewing and providing advice on revisions to the Senate Regulations Governing Undergraduate Admissions.

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