To Be Adopted:

Proposed Change to UCR Regulations:
Regulation 6.12

PRESENT

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PROPOSED

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R6.12.1 Changes in a curriculum or prerequisite requirements both for courses and majors may not be implemented until the quarter following the publication of the change in the General Catalog unless an exception is approved at the time the change in curriculum or prerequisite requirements is adopted.

Justification:

A timetable for the full implementation of changes in graduation requirements (general university requirements, college breadth requirements, and major requirements) is currently specified in R6.12. However, changes to prerequisites for courses, majors, or any curricular change not involving graduation requirements, are not covered by existing legislation. Proposed R6.12.1 establishes a default implementation date for such changes. Exceptions to this default may be granted presuming an alternative is specified and approved as part of the change to the prerequisite requirement.

According to current regulations, a proposal for changes to prerequisites for courses, majors, or any curricular change not involving graduation requirements could be implemented before
students had any time to make adjustments to prepare for the change. More importantly, this stepped up implementation could be inadvertent; it might be the result of an oversight, involving the failure to specify the implementation timetable in writing. This may create a serious and unintended hardship for the students affected.

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Approvals:

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