

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIVISION
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The Committee on Preparatory Education met three times during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The Riverside Division of the Committee on Preparatory Education was represented on the Universitywide Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) by the Committee Chair Deborah Willis. The Committee was updated by Professor Willis at each meeting about issues under discussion at the Systemwide level.

The Committee undertook its regular review of the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) program. The Director of the University Writing Program and ex officio member of the Committee, John Briggs, provided the Committee with an overview of the program and presented a report documenting the outcomes of the program for the 2017-2018 academic year. The report documented that 62% of entering freshmen at UCR had satisfied the ELWR before registering as full time students. The remaining 38% of entering freshmen placed in entry-level writing courses and the great majority made good progress once they arrived at UCR. The Committee voted to approve the report and it was reported on the December 4, 2018 Division meeting agenda.

The Committee reviewed the Summary White Paper on the RUSD STEM High School at UCR and did not find anything in the plan that would cause problems for UCR's preparatory education programs. The Committee did recommend that the plan be revised to elaborate more fully on the nature and extent of instructional assistance to be required from UCR faculty, the possible impact on the availability of space in UCR buildings, and the plan for managing increased traffic on campus and in nearby neighborhoods.

The Committee reviewed and supported requests from the Department of Mathematics to place students in MATH 005 and MATH 004 who receive a score of 2 on the AP Calculus AB Exam, to award credit for MATH 009C to students who score a 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus Exam, and to adopt ALEKS PPL as the mathematics placement and re-testing platform.

The Committee reviewed the revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment, proposed changes to Senate Bylaw 336, the proposed UC Transfer Guarantee, proposed revisions to the Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Academic Frameworks, and the proposed change to Senate Regulation 636.E and did note any concerns relating to the Committee's charge of preparatory education.

The Committee reviewed the Senate Chair's request for input on UCR's next strategic plan and recommended that the strategic plan give serious attention to resources needed to support the increase of transfer students, student advising, and increased attention to learning outcomes and assessment and increase support for first-year success programs including preparatory education programs. The Committee further recommended that the strategic plan give great emphasis to UCR's need for better infrastructure, more classrooms and labs, increased number of class offerings, and resources to support teaching and online education. The Committee recommended that the process for developing a strategic plan directly involve all Senate Committees.

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