

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
MAY 22, 2020

PRESENT: S. Vidussi, Chair; G. Long, Vice Chair; O. Long, UCEP Rep.; J. Allison; B. Babcock; G. Funning; E. Goodman; I. Kaloshian; C. Lussier; M. Maduro; A. Sood; J. Weems; B. Wong; F. Zarinebaf; C. Zhou

GUESTS: K. Dominguez, GSA Student Rep.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:00 AM.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2020 meeting.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to extend COVID-19 remote instruction at UCR and engaged in a thorough discussion of the proposal. The Committee appreciated that the proposal allows for flexibility for the instruction of in person courses when necessary to allow the instruction of lab and studies courses. However, the Committee recommended that the Administration consider further flexibility to allow for a small number of classes such as Senior labs that do not have an acceptable remote instruction version to be offered exclusively in person. In order to allow the necessary flexibility, the Committee recommended that one or more alternative courses that are remote only could be offered as an acceptable substitute in the degree requirements, which could be approved on a departmental basis. The Committee was also appreciative that the proposal allows faculty to choose if they wish to be on campus during this time. The Committee noted concern that the proposal did not include the reality that remote instruction may need to be in place for the whole academic year and recommended that the proposal be revised to acknowledge this and to also provide a process if conditions do improve quicker than expected. The Committee was concerned with the proposal's recommendation to offer a course both in person and online as logistically it will be difficult to fulfill. The Committee recommended that the proposal be updated to include the resources available for this option. The Chair will summarize the Committee's discussion and recommendations in a draft response to the Senate Chair that will be sent to the Committee via email to be finalized.

The Committee reviewed guidance from Academic Council on student fees beyond tuition and voted to support the guidance. The Chair will submit a response to the Senate Chair documenting the Committee's support.

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:56AM.

Approved: June 5, 2020

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