

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2020

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

ABSENT: G. Long, Vice Chair; G. Funning; J. Weems

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

The Chair thanked members Owen Long and Jason Weems for their contributions to the Committee over the last three years as their appointments to the Committee will end on August 31, 2020.

The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2020 meeting.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to modify UCR's comprehensive review process for admissions and noted concern that the goal for revising the model, besides the decision to make standardized testing optional is not clear in the proposal. The Committee recommended that the proposal be updated to include a statement on how the proposed new model will transform admissions. However, the Committee did recognize the urgency to define a new Academic Index Score (AIS) model that does not use standardized testing and finds the proposed model adequate. The Committee noted concern that remaining access and equity issues in AIS model should be addressed in the proposal, in particular, access to AP/IB courses taken give an advance to students who are already advantaged. The Committee recommended that the proposal include an analysis of students who were admitted to UCR with low AIS scores with the proposed new model to determine the impact of the proposed change. The Chair will summarize the Committee's discussion and recommendations and send it to the Committee for review before finalizing the response to the Senate Chair.

The Committee reviewed memos from Academic Council and the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) on ILTI Course Offerings during the Summer and Fall quarters. The Committee shares the concerns of Academic Council Chair Bhavnani and remains concerned that faculty's intellectual production might be at risk. The Committee strongly recommended that the temporary approach for ILTI courses is not done lightly so that it violates copyright and course quality. The Chair will summarize the Committee's recommendation in a response to the Senate Chair.

With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 12:04PM.

Approved: October 2, 2020

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