April 14, 2020

MICHAEL T. BROWN
PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Re: UCEP and UCRJ Letters on Undergraduate Good Standing Criteria and Cross Campus Enrollment

Dear Michael,

On behalf of the University Committee on Educational Policy, I request your help in forwarding UCRJ’s interpretation of “good standing” language in Senate Regulation 544 to campus Registrars and Academic Advisors, to facilitate flexibility in the enrollment of freshmen and transfer students in ILTI’s cross campus courses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions. Thank you also for your consistent support for shared governance. I know we agree shared governance is necessary at this moment to stabilize educational quality and to highlight UC’s role as the research engine for the state that supports the state’s workforce needs and much else.

Sincerely,

Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair
Academic Council

cc: UCEP Chair Serences
Chief of Staff to the Provost Peterson
Academic Council
April 10, 2020

KUM-KUM BHAVNANI, CHAIR
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

RE: UNDERGRADUATE “GOOD STANDING” CRITERIA AND CROSS CAMPUS ENROLLMENT

Dear Kum-Kum,

UCEP believes that a recent interpretation by the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCRJ) of “good standing” in Senate Regulation 544 may help facilitate enrollment of freshmen and transfer students into ILTI’s cross campus courses, especially with the emergency shift to remote instruction throughout the system. At UCEP’s request, UCRJ clarified that students who are enrolled in their first quarter/semester at the UC are, by default, in “good standing”.

I recommend that UCRJ’s interpretation of the “good standing” language be transmitted to the Registrars and Academic Advisors so they will take a more flexible approach towards the enrollment of freshmen and transfer students in online courses. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Serences, Chair
UCEP
March 11, 2020

JOHN SERENCES, CHAIR
UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

RE: Undergraduate “good standing” criteria

Dear John,

In December, you asked UCRJ for “[c]larification about whether a new UC student is automatically considered in good standing (or not) … [to] help guide our work on SR 544.” I apologize that it has taken us a bit longer than I had anticipated to respond.

The consensus view of our Committee is that students should be considered to be in good standing upon arrival, i.e., before they have had an opportunity to create an academic record at the institution they attend.

Senate Regulation 902.D., available here https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/bylaws-regulations/regulations/rpart4.html#r900 for your reference, states:

An undergraduate student is in scholastic good standing if not subject to academic probation or disqualification as defined in Regulation 900(A). Any transcript of record transmitted to a person or agency outside the University shall be accompanied by a statement of the student's scholastic standing on the date of the transcript or the date on which he left the University.

In turn, Senate Regulation 900(A), available at the same Web page, specifies when a student is not in good standing. A student is on academic probation “(a) if at the end of any term the student's grade-point average for that term, or the student's cumulative grade-point average, is less than 2.0 (C average)…; or (b) by other provisions approved by the Assembly,” and a student is subject to academic disqualification “(a) if at the end of any term the student's grade-point average for that term is less than 1.5 (however, see paragraph (E) below), or (b) if the student has completed two consecutive terms on academic probation without achieving a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 as provided above.”

Based on the interaction of these two rules, we believe that students must arrive in good standing, because the determination of whether a student is not in good standing rests on information unavailable until a student completes a semester or quarter.
Please let me know if this is insufficiently responsive. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Glater, Chair
University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Cc: Hilary Baxter, Academic Senate Executive Director
UCRJ