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## ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

### Re: Divisional flexibility in implementation of Senate Regulation 782

Dear Colleagues:

At its December 2020 meeting, the Academic Council endorsed the attached request from the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) to approve divisional flexibility to modify the provisions of Senate Regulation 782, which defines the upper limit on courses a student may take on a P/NP basis. Council wishes to communicate that this flexibility extends to divisions until further notice, and should also be considered retroactive to the spring quarter or semester, 2020.

I ask Senate Division chairs to forward this notice to your respective Committees on Education Policy and Undergraduate Councils. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Gauvain".

Mary Gauvain, Chair  
Academic Council

Cc: UCEP Chair Potter  
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December 8, 2020

**Mary Gauvain, Chair  
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**RE: Divisional flexibility in implementation of Senate Regulation 782**

Dear Mary,

University of California Academic Senate Regulation [782](#) sets an upper limit on the number of courses a student may take on a P/NP basis. In particular, this regulation stipulates that “a student in good standing is authorized to undertake up to an average of one course per term on a Passed or Not Passed basis.” In order to help alleviate student anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic, some campuses have elected not to count any courses taken P/NP during COVID-affected terms towards this limit. UCEP has been aware and fully supportive of these policy modifications, but some questions have been raised as to the level at which authority to grant this flexibility rests. In order to avoid any confusion going forward, UCEP recommends that Academic Council issue a statement that Divisions have the authority to modify the provisions of SR 782 as described until further notice, retroactive to the spring quarter or semester, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Potter".

Daniel Potter, Chair  
UCEP