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ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Waiver of Senate Regulation 636.B and 636.C for fall 2021, winter 2022, and spring 2022

Dear Colleagues:

In June 2020, the Academic Council endorsed a recommendation from the University Committee on Preparation Education (UCOPE) for a one-time waiver of Senate Regulation 636.C for the 2020-2021 academic year due to ongoing COVID-19 disruptions. SR 636 outlines ways that a student may satisfy the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement, including by passing the UC Analytical Writing Placement Examination (AWPE).

At its December 2020 meeting, Council approved UCOPE's request to extend the June 2020 waiver of 636.C and to add a new and retroactive waiver of 636.B to allow campuses to use alternative placement processes for new UC students enrolling in Fall 2021, Winter 2022 and Spring 2022.

I ask Senate Division Chairs to send the document to your respective Committees on Education Policy/Undergraduate Councils for follow up.

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
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Cc: UCOPE Chair Gagnon
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MARY GAUVAIN, CHAIR
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RE: ONE-TIME WAIVER OF SENATE REGULATIONS 636.B AND 636.C

Dear Mary:

The Committee on Preparatory Education requests that Academic Council approve a one-time waiver of [Senate Regulations 636.B and 636.C](#). Senate Regulation (SR) 636.B provides for three ways to satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) prior to enrollment:

“...by passing the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination; by attaining an acceptable score on another approved test of Writing; or by earning at least 3 semester credits or 4 quarter units of transferable college credit in English composition.”

Subsequent to enrollment, as stipulated in SR 636.B:

“...a student may satisfy the ELWR University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement subsequent to enrollment at the University of California by passing the University of California Analytical Writing Placement Examination, or by successfully completing a course or program of study approved for that purpose by an appropriate agency of the Academic Senate Division of the student’s campus.”

This waiver will allow UCD, UCI, UCSB, and UCSC the option of not participating in the systemwide Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) and to use locally designed placement processes instead of the AWPE. This waiver will be effective for new students enrolling in UC and needing placement during the 2021-2022 Academic Year (from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022), but not for new, incoming students enrolling and needing placement in Fall 2022.

As a result of the pandemic, the annual in-person administration of the systemwide Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) scheduled for May 2020 was cancelled. In June 2020, Academic Council approved [UCOPE’s request](#) for a one-time waiver of SR 636.C for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. This allowed campuses to utilize local placement practices as alternatives to the AWPE. The four campuses that implemented alternative placement processes (UCD, UCI, UCSB, UCSC) would like to continue using these processes in order to collect more data on their effectiveness. UCOPE discussed this during our meeting on October 30th and voted to approve requesting a new waiver to allow the alternative placement processes to be used for new students *enrolling in UC and needing*

placement in Fall 2021, Winter 2022 and Spring 2022, but not for new students enrolling in UC and needing placement in Fall 2022.

We therefore request Academic Council's approval of this one-time waiver of SR 636.B and 636.C to allow UCD, UCI, UCSB, and UCSC the option of not participating in the systemwide Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE). These four campuses will use locally designed placement processes instead of the AWPE effective for new students enrolling in UC and needing placement during the 2021-2022 Academic Year (from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022), but not for new, incoming students enrolling and needing placement in Fall 2022. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeff Gagnon".

Jeff Gagnon,
Chair, University Committee on Preparatory Education