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ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: UCOPE Recommendation for ELWR Satisfaction by Alternative Placement Processes

Dear Colleagues:

The Academic Council has endorsed the attached recommendation from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) concerning satisfaction of the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) for students who transfer between UC campuses.

UCOPE recommends that UCB, UCLA, UCR, and UCSD honor the locally- designed placement processes for the ELWR used at UCD, UCI, UCM, UCSB and UCSC as alternatives to the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) for the small number of students who transfer between those campuses.

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 "Robert Horwitz".

Robert Horwitz, Chair
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Cc: UCOPE Chair Zhang
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ROBERT HORWITZ, CHAIR
ACADEMIC SENATE

RE: HONORING ELWR-SATISFACTION BY ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROCESSES

Dear Robert:

On January 28th, the Committee on Preparatory Education considered if satisfaction of the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) by way of the alternative placement processes being used at UCD, UCI, UCM, UCSB and UCSC will be honored if a student transfers to another UC campus. The committee members unanimously voted in favor of honoring ELWR satisfaction by locally designed placement processes that are alternatives to the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE).

In May 2020, the pandemic led to uncertainty about the annual in-person administration of the systemwide AWPE. Therefore, UCOPE encouraged the undergraduate campuses to develop alternatives placement processes and Council approved waivers of Senate Regulation 636 in [May 2020](#), [December 2020](#), and [December 2021](#). Due to the AWPE program's ongoing budget deficit and growing campus dissatisfaction with the exam among faculty and campus administrators, the Graduate, Undergraduate and Equity Affairs unit at the Office of the President decided to discontinue systemwide management of the AWPE after the 2022 exam.

All of the undergraduate campuses recognize that the elimination of the systemwide AWPE reduces the options for satisfying the ELWR, making the alternative processes in use at UCD, UCI, UCM, UCSB and UCSC important means to fulfill the requirement after students have matriculated. For the reportedly small number of students who transfer between UC campuses, it is invaluable for the receiving campuses to honor satisfaction of the requirement by the alternative means.

We ask Academic Council to endorse UCOPE's agreement that ELWR satisfaction by alternative placement processes should be honored by the transfer student's receiving campus, and that the appropriate campus administrators are notified. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jingsong Zhang".

Jingsong Zhang, Chair
University Committee on Preparatory Education