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ACADEMIC SENATE DIVISION CHAIRS

Re: Waiver of Senate Regulation 636.B and 636.C for Spring, Summer and Fall 2022

Dear Colleagues:

In June 2020¹ and December 2020², the Academic Council endorsed recommendations from the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) for a waiver of Senate Regulation 636.C and 636.B 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.

At its December 2021 meeting, Council approved UCOPE's request to extend the 2020 waivers, to allow campuses to use alternative placement processes for newly enrolled UC students. The current letter adds summer and fall 2022 terms to the December 2020 directive that included 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,



Robert Horwitz, Chair
Academic Council

Cc: UCOPE Chair Zhang
Academic Council
Campus Senate Directors
Executive Director Baxter

Encl.

¹ https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/kkb-senate-divisions-suspension-sr-636.pdf

² https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/mg-senate-divisions-waiver-sr-636.b-and-c.pdf



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ROBERT HORWITZ, CHAIR
ACADEMIC SENATE

RE: EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF SENATE REGULATIONS 636.B AND 636.C

Dear Robert:

The Committee on Preparatory Education requests that Academic Council approve an extension of the 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.C:

“...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, UCM, UCSB, UCSC, and UCSD 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 in Spring, Summer and Fall 2022. In June 2020 and December 2020, Academic Council approved UCOPE’s requests for waivers of SR 636.B and 636.C for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. This allowed campuses to utilize local placement practices as alternatives to the AWPE. The campuses that implemented alternative placement processes (UCD, UCI, UCSD, UCSB, UCSC) would like to continue using these processes in order to collect more data on their effectiveness. UCM also would like to initiate an alternative placement process to the AWPE. UCOPE discussed this during our meeting on October 29th and voted by email to approve requesting a new waiver to allow the alternative placement processes to extend the waiver into 2022.

We therefore request Academic Council's approval of this waiver of SR 636.B and 636.C to allow campuses the option of not participating in the systemwide AWPE. The campuses will use locally

designed placement processes instead of the AWPE effective for new students enrolling in UC and needing placement beginning in Spring 2022. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jingsong Zhang". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'Z'.

Jingsong Zhang, Chair
University Committee on Preparatory Education