Committee on Courses of Instruction (COCI)

Meeting Agenda
February 7, 2017
10:00am-12:00pm
410 Mrak Hall

*Note*
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1. Course review
   a. Status of queue
      i. 122 total = 56 in review + 16 ready for next batch + 10 waiting for departmental responses + 40 waiting for analyst review
   b. Timeline: Batch #3 currently under review, due February 26th
   c. Notes regarding review comments

2. Discussion item - Requests for letter grading of research courses
   COCI (in reviewing new proposals in ICMS) and the COCI chair (in reviewing grading variance request on behalf of COCI) will pay particular attention to courses that appear to be requesting letter grading for what are predominately research activities. COCI is concerned about:
   - Methods of assessment
   - Transparency in grading
   - Excessive role of participation/attendance in grading
   - Variable expectations for variable units
   - Repeat credit and limitations on repeat credit

   Practices at some other UCs:
   UCB, UCSD – Undergrad research is P/NP
   UCI, UCLA, UCM, UCR, UCSB – Undergrad research can be P/NP or letter graded, but some campuses require explicit outcomes (e.g. write a paper) or creation of a formal contract between adviser/advisee with a stated study plan. Commonly restricted to upper division students

3. Consent items
   a. Approval of meeting summary – 12/6/2016
   b. Approval of meeting summary – 1/10/2017