PROPOSED REVISION OF DAVIS DIVISION BYLAW 121 (D):

Committee on Preparatory Education

Submitted by the Preparatory Education Committee.

Endorsed by the Undergraduate Council and the Executive Council.

Rationale: Currently, Davis Division regulations specify that students who have not satisfied the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) at the time of enrollment at UC Davis have three specific options for satisfying the requirement. A plan to allow greater flexibility and more options, known as the multiple pathways ELWR plan, has been proposed by the L&S English Language and Literacy Committee. PEC was asked by senate leadership to consider senate bylaw and regulation changes that would allow the implementation and monitoring of the multiple pathways plan.

This proposal is intended to clarify PEC’s role in the ELWR process, which is one of certification, decertification and monitoring of the ELWR. The UC Systemwide Senate regulations (see below) give the power of approving courses to an appropriate committee of the UC Davis Senate.

Systemwide Senate Regulation 636.C

There are two ways a student may satisfy the 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. (Am 28 May 80; Am 26 May 82; Am 19 Feb 2004; Am 30 Jan 2008)

The UC Davis Senate bylaw already put the monitoring power in the hands of PEC. This proposal would clarify that PEC is supposed to certify and decertify ELWR courses. This makes the most sense since PEC is the body most closely monitoring these courses and establishing criteria for the approval of these courses.

Proposed Revision: Davis Division Regulation 521 shall be amended as follows. Deletions are indicated by strikeout; additions are in bold type.

121.D Committee on Preparatory Education

(1) This committee shall consist of five members, with broad representation from the colleges offering undergraduate instruction. The membership of this committee shall include one member from the Department of Mathematics and one member from the
University Writing Program. In addition, there shall be one undergraduate student representative and one representative from the Academic Federation. (Am. 9/1/2017)

(2) This committee shall have the following duties:

(a) To monitor and conduct periodic reviews and evaluations of remedial preparatory education.

(b) Under the direction of the University Committee on Undergraduate Preparatory Education, Under the direction of Undergraduate Council, to oversee the certification, decertification, administration and efficacy of any method all methods used to satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) for UC Davis students. (Am. 9/1/2016, 9/1/2017) The committee shall establish and publish criteria for ELWR course certification and review. The committee and shall periodically review evaluate and revise those criteria. The committee shall maintain a list of courses which it has certified to satisfy the ELWR and shall communicate that list to the Director of Entry Level Writing. The committee shall periodically review the efficacy of the certified ELWR courses, and if necessary, decertify courses if they do not meet the committee’s review criteria.

(c) To oversee the use of placement examinations in mathematics.

(d) To be responsible for implementation of University Academic Senate Regulation 761 on the Davis campus.

(e) To monitor and conduct periodic reviews and evaluations of the English as a Second Language Program on the Davis campus.

(f) To be responsible for approving exceptions to the deadlines for satisfying the Entry Level Writing Requirement pursuant to Academic Senate Regulation 636.D.