CERJ Advice on UC Davis Extension Credit for Graduate Level Course Work May 19, 2011

CERJ was asked by the Division for advice concerning how to record and manage UC Davis Extension course offerings for credit at the graduate level.

Is it appropriate to apply regulation language governing undergraduate education to graduate education?

CERJ advises that it is not appropriate to apply Regulation language governing undergraduate education to graduate education. In many cases, there are separate rules for undergraduates and graduates, which indicates to CERJ that each is governed by its own set of rules.

Is there a limit to the number of credits a student may earn via UC Davis Extension coursework toward a graduate degree?

CERJ advises that there is no statutory limit on the number of units a student may earn Via UC Davis Extension coursework toward a graduate degree. However, we note that ASR 810(B) states: "Credit for University of California Extension courses including concurrent courses toward a higher degree is subject to the approval and regulations of the campus Graduate Council concerned." Thus Graduate Council is empowered to enact restrictions on the number of Extension units may be counted toward graduate degrees.

Is the XDC category valid given the designation is not listed in Senate Regulation 810?

CERJ finds no reason that the category should not be valid, despite the fact that it is not listed in ASR 810. Courses beginning with "XD" are permitted, and we regard the "C" index to be merely a convenient way to indicate concurrent courses. We note that in many cases one or more suffixes are used for various purposes, such as to designate new courses with the same number (N), courses abroad (S), etc. CoCI has the power to approve these Extension courses by ASR 800(C)(1), and there is no explicit prohibition against the numbering scheme they use. Perhaps an alphabetic suffix or even a new number would be more appropriate, but we believe that this is for CoCI to decide.