

December 8, 2015

André Knoesen, Chair
Davis Division of the Academic Senate

RE: CERJ Advice: Advising Question regarding Residency

Dear Chair Knoesen,

This is in response to a request for clarification a statement in the General Catalog that led to an advising question. Specifically, the question is whether a statement in the General Catalog to describe residence requirements for undergraduate students is in compliance with Senate regulations.

1. Residence requirements as stated in the UC Davis General Catalog:

The minimum residence requirement for a bachelor's degree at the University of California is one academic year (three quarters). Thirty-five of the final 45 quarter units completed by each candidate must be earned while in residence on the UC Davis campus.

2. We found the following applicable Senate regulations:

(A) Senate Regulation Appendix III (Variances) Regulation 630

2. Davis 630 (A). Except as otherwise provided in this section and SR 614, 35 (or 24 semester) of the final 45 (or 30 semester) units completed by each candidate for the Bachelor's degree must be earned in residence on the campus in which the degree is to be taken. (24 May 78), where SR 614 states:

With the approval of the dean of the candidate's college or school, a candidate for the Bachelor's degree who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States in the year preceding the award of the degree may be recommended for the degree after only one term of University residence in which the candidate completes at least 16 units or passes a comprehensive examination in his/her major or field of concentration.

(B) About residence, SR 810 states: Residence in any regular term is validated by a program of courses or other exercises approved by the Faculty of a student's college or school. For undergraduates this shall be at least six units of resident courses of instruction. Graduate students validate residence with programs of instruction or research approved by the appropriate Graduate Council. [See SR 688-690.] (EC 15 Apr 74) (Am 9 Mar 83; Am 6 Mar 85)

(C) Davis Division Regulation 549(C) 1) - 3):

- 1) To the extent permitted by another UC campus, undergraduate students in good standing and registered for at least 6 units at UC Davis may enroll for any number of units in courses on another UC campus. If the student completes the UC Davis units, the other UC campus units will be counted as described below.
- 2) Other UC campus quarter units apply at UC Davis in the quarter in which they are taken. Other UC campus semester units are split between the UC Davis quarters in which the course begins and ends.
- 3) The units taken at other UC campuses apply to the 180 unit minimum for graduation. They also count as "in residence" for the purpose of the UC residency requirement that 35 of the last 45 units be "in

residence." It is the student's responsibility to negotiate in advance with his or her college and major department regarding how the off campus units can be applied to major and college requirements.

We conclude that UC Davis Division Regulation 549(C) is the applicable regulation, as SR 810 demonstrates that DDR 549(C) is compatible with SR 630. The statement in the General Catalog about the residence requirement is technically correct and in compliance with SR 630 when "in residence" is interpreted according to SR 810. However, the current language is prone to misinterpretation, as a reader who does not consult SR 810 may conclude that the language is not compatible with DDR 549(C).

Therefore, we strongly recommend to change the statement in the General Catalog to convey the various clauses of DDR 549(C), for example by closely following the wording of DDR 549(C).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Hunt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Hunt, Chair
Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction

Cc: Gina Anderson, Executive Director, Davis Division of the Academic Senate