To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

Executive Summary

Purpose (per Bylaw 80): To set standards for and policy on undergraduate education and to provide advice and consent on all matters of policy, planning, and practice that impact the quality of undergraduate programs and undergraduate students’ educational experiences at UCSB.

Issues of General Concern to Faculty:

- The Undergraduate Council implemented a faculty survey regarding student use of electronics in the classroom, academic integrity, student engagement, and academic preparation. Responses and further action will be considered in the 2017-18 term.
- UgC acted on 25 academic proposals involving the establishment, discontinuation, or curricular modification of undergraduate programs.

UgC held 16 regularly scheduled 90-minute meetings and consulted with relevant Senate committees and campus administrators regarding topics of concern within its purview.

Local Business

Academic Program Reviews

In cooperation with the Program Review Panel, UgC participated in the academic program reviews of the following academic units.
1. Chicana and Chicano Studies
2. History
3. Mechanical Engineering

UgC responded to requests from the Executive Vice Chancellor regarding membership on the Program Review Panel and departments to be reviewed during the 2018-19 program review cycle.

Academic Proposals

UgC granted final approval for the following actions, effective Fall 2017:
1. Establishment of a Minor and Emphasis in Speech-Language Sciences and Disorders
2. Establishment of a Minor in Religious Studies
3. Establishment of a Minor in Iranian Studies
4. Hibernation of the Minor in Global Peace and Security
5. Revision of curricular requirements for completion of the following undergraduate programs:
   B.A. in French
   B.A. in Comparative Literature
   B.A. in Religious Studies
   B.S. in Pharmacology
   B.A. in Linguistics, Emphasis in Language and Speech Technologies
   B.A. in Japanese
B.A. in Japanese - High Proficiency Track
B.S. in Actuarial Science
B.A. in Statistical Science
B.S. in Statistical Science
B.S. in Financial Mathematics and Statistics
B.S. in Computer Engineering
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
B.S. in Computer Science
B.S. in Chemical Engineering
Minor in Science and Mathematics Education
Minor in Educational Studies
Minor in Translation Studies
Minor in French
Minor in Language and Speech Technologies
Minor in Professional Writing

UgC considered two proposals requesting the establishment of undergraduate degree programs, but the Council raised a number of significant concerns that would need to be addressed before the proposals could move forward in the review process. The proposing departments were asked to resubmit revised proposals in the coming year.

**College of Engineering – Proposed Change in the Depth Requirement and Associated Proposal to Modify Santa Barbara Regulation 205(C)(2)**

UgC approved a proposal to revise the Depth Requirement for the General Education program in the College Engineering, and presented for Faculty Legislature approval a request for associated revisions to Santa Barbara Regulation 205(C)(2).

**Letters and Science Executive Committee – Proposal to Modify Santa Barbara Regulation 125(H)3**

UgC considered a proposal from the College of Letters and Science to modify Santa Barbara Regulation 125(H)3 regarding the calculation of major GPA for L&S majors. The Council responded to the College with several questions and requests for clarification, and plans to return to this issue in the 2017-18 term.

UgC responded to the following campus issues, along with other Senate groups:

1. Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Priority Registration
2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between UCSB Materials Research Lab and University of Oxford

**Other Campus Initiatives**

UgC considered many local campus matters related to undergraduate education. Comments on some of these are provided below.

**Survey on Classroom Protocol and Academic Engagement**

In response to faculty concerns about student use of electronics in the classroom, academic integrity, student engagement, and academic preparation, the Undergraduate Council implemented a survey to
collect data about faculty experiences and observations in the classroom. The Council will review the survey data and develop a report on the results including recommendation for future action during the 2017-18 term.

Late or Retroactive Drop of a Course
UgC considered a request from a faculty member to simplify faculty involvement in student petitions for the late or retroactive withdrawal from a course. The Council recommended minor changes to the petition form, which were accepted and implemented by the Office of Undergraduate Education.

Undergraduate Research Awards
A select group of UgC members reviewed nomination materials and chose two student recipients and one faculty recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research.

Systemwide Business
As UCSB’s representative on the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP), Stephan Miescher reported to and consulted with the Council regarding issues under discussion by UCEP.

Benjamin Brecher represented UCSB on the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) and reported to the Council on items addressed by the committee.

Along with other Senate councils and committees, members of UgC were invited to review materials pertaining to the following systemwide issues:

1. Proposed Revised APM Sections - 285, 210-3, 133-0- B, 740
2. Revised Presidential Policy on Electronic Information Security (IS-3)
3. Draft Presidential Policy on International Activities
4. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 182. Committee on International Education
5. Proposed Revision of Senate Regulation 630.D for Inclusion of Systemwide Course
7. Proposed Revisions to APM 015 and 016 and Conforming Amendments to Senate Bylaw 336

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