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## JEFF BARRETT, CHAIR ACADEMIC SENATE

## RE: EXTENSION OF WAIVER TO ALLOW DEPARTMENTS TO OFFER COURSES ONLINE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL

As announced in previous communications from the campus administration, some courses may still need to be offered in a remote or hybrid mode. To minimize confusion about whether existing inperson courses need to be formally approved by the Academic Senate for online delivery, the Subcommittee on Courses & Continuing, Part-Time, & Summer Session Education (SCOC) and Council on Educational Policy (CEP) will extend the following 2020-21 guidance through Winter Quarter 2022:

- Undergraduate programs do not need to seek formal approval for existing in-person courses to be offered in a remote or hybrid mode, as a temporary measure, due to COVID-19 restrictions for in-person courses.
- SCOC will continue to consider proposals for online courses intended to be offered on a long-term basis. Proposed courses that use online tools to enhance the learning experience beyond that of an in-person course are more likely to be viewed favorably.

CEP approved the extension at the March meeting.

Sincerely,

Charles Anthony Smith, Chair Council on Educational Policy

Cc: Malcolm Bourne, Senate Analyst, Academic Senate

