

March 10, 2022

VPAA Herbert Lee
Office of the Chancellor

RE: Five-Year Perspectives List 2022-23 to 2026-27

Dear Herbie,

The Academic Senate has reviewed the Five-Year Perspectives, the list of proposed academic degree programs, schools, and colleges, to be submitted to the UC Office of the President. The Committees on Educational Policy (CEP), Graduate Council (GC), and Planning and Budget (CPB) have responded.

All committees reviewed and responded to the list submitted for Senate review on December 8, 2021. CEP reiterated its continued concern with the lack of classroom space on the UC Santa Cruz campus, and pointed to its statement from its 2020 Classroom Utilization Policy, which notes that:

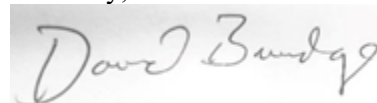
In view of the severe congestion in classroom utilization for rooms with a certain range of seats in certain academic terms, CEP will not approve any new academic program that requires additional general assignment classrooms in an academic term and a size category for which the utilization is already at or above 90%.

Graduate Council noted with enthusiasm the progress the degree proposals have been making in their development and submission status. Council also raised a question regarding the proposed Dance M.F.A. This proposal, in the works for several years, and in previous iterations has come to the Senate as a self-supporting (SSGPDP) proposal. Council noted it is not listed as such in the spreadsheet provided, and wondered if this is a change for this proposal? CPB seconded the comments made by Graduate Council.

CPB was the only committee to review the *revised* Five-Year Perspectives list, received by the Senate on February 7, 2022. The revised list included the addition of the Creative Technologies B.A., under development. CPB commented that the Creative Technologies B.A. is a program undergoing special scrutiny as it is the first proposed online degree program at UCSC (and the second systemwide).

The Senate appreciated the opportunity to comment on the Five-Year Perspectives list.

Sincerely,



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