

## ANNUAL REPORT UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL 2022-2023

The Undergraduate Council of the UC San Diego Academic Senate has a variety of responsibilities regarding the oversight of undergraduate education at UC San Diego (see Divisional Bylaw 210). The majority of the business handled by the Council during the year is divided into the following areas: proposals for new majors and minors, modifications to existing majors and minors, modifications to existing College curriculum, modifications to Senate Regulations, reviews of existing undergraduate programs, and course approvals. In addition, the opinion of the Council was sought on a number of other Systemwide and Divisional issues. A brief enumeration of the issues considered by the Undergraduate Council is presented here.

### ***Proposals for New Majors and Minors***

The Undergraduate Council considered four requests to establish a new major.

### ***Proposals for Modifications to Existing Majors and Minors***

The Undergraduate Council considered 11 requests to modify existing majors and minors. 10 proposals were approved by the Council.

### ***Proposals for R Courses***

The Undergraduate Council considered 23 requests for R courses. 23 proposals were approved by the Council.

### ***Reviews of Undergraduate Degree Programs***

Undergraduate programs are reviewed by the Undergraduate Council once every seven to eight years. A review committee, including one member of the Council, visits (remotely in 2022-2023) the college, program, or department under review, and submits its findings to the Undergraduate Council for consideration. The college, program, or department under review has an opportunity to respond to issues raised by the review committee prior to the review and recommendation of the Undergraduate Council. After considering both the committee report and the program's response, the Undergraduate Council provides recommendations to the college, program, or department. Progress towards achieving those recommendations and goals set forth in the initial review is examined in a follow-up review conducted by the Undergraduate Council.

### **Undergraduate and Combined Program Reviews conducted in 2022-2023**

- Economics (combined undergraduate and graduate)
- Sociology (combined undergraduate and graduate)
- Cognitive Science (combined undergraduate and graduate)
- Electrical Engineering (combined undergraduate and graduate)
- German Studies (undergraduate only)
- Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (undergraduate only)
- Human Development Sciences (undergraduate only)

### **Undergraduate Council Review and Recommendations issued in 2021-22:**

- Analytical Writing Program (undergraduate only)
- Environmental Systems (undergraduate only)
- Urban Studies & Planning (undergraduate only)
- Sixth College (undergraduate only)
- Anthropology (combined undergraduate and graduate)
- Academic Internship Program (undergraduate self-study)
- Chicanx & Latinx Studies (undergraduate self-study)

- Law & Society (undergraduate self-study)

***Course Approvals***

The Undergraduate Council approved 71 requests to establish new courses and 575 requests to revise existing courses.

***Undergraduate Instructional Assistants***

The Undergraduate Council approved approximately 951 undergraduate instructional assistant applications.

***Other Activities***

The Undergraduate Council established guidelines for securing permeant approval for piloted R courses. The Undergraduate Council, in coordination with the Graduate Council, updated the self-study guidelines and charge letters for combined program reviews and undergraduate program reviews. The Council also provided further review and analysis of the Policy for Distance Education to relevant Senate stakeholders.

Respectfully submitted,  
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