ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL – Background, Membership, and Scope of Charge

A. Background - The Academic Planning Council (APC) is a joint Administration and Senate coordinating body created in January 1994 in response to an increased need for Universitywide strategic academic planning. APC serves in an advisory capacity to the Provost and raises questions, frames issues, and guides analyses concerning the University's size, shape, and long-range academic direction.

APC originally met five to six times a year and handled a wide range of issues, as reflected on the document "Summary of APC Agenda Topics, October 2001 – April 2005." The Council became less active after 2008, during a period of turnover in Administration leadership, retirement of senior staff, and reorganization at the Office of the President. During the 2021-22 academic year, APC met five times; topics covered included the Rebenching, Online Instruction, Retention Rates, Evaluation of Self-supporting Graduate Programs, Transfer Student Success, Online Undergraduate Degree Programs and many others.

B. Membership – The Provost and Executive Vice President is APC Chair; Academic Council Chair is APC Vice Chair. APC membership includes:

1) Academic Senate leadership, such as chairs of CCGA, UCPB, and UCEP. Other Senate committees have been represented, e.g., UCORP, UCAP, UCFW.

2) UCOP administration leadership, including Vice Provosts for Education Partnerships and Academic Personnel, and Associate Vice President Budget Operations;

3) Campus administration leadership representing all campuses, including Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Budget, Graduate Dean, Undergraduate Dean, and Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs and Research; and

4) Student members, one graduate and one undergraduate.

C. Charge – The Council's charge is set out in "University of California Academic Planning Council, Purpose and Membership" drafted February 23, 1994 and revised in October 2000.

D. Working Groups - When needed the APC establishes working groups to provide advice and oversight in specific areas. There are currently no APC working groups; past working groups include: Online Instruction Advisory Group, Accountability Advisory Group, Planning for Professional and Doctoral Education Group.