

Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE)
LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative
2020-2021 Report

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Council/Committee Name (acronym): CTLSE

Council/Committee Charge:

The Council shall promote teaching, its quality, evaluation and promotion, diversity, equal opportunity, and the quality of the student experience, and shall advise the Chancellor and the Irvine Division on issues in the areas of teaching, student life and welfare, and intramural and intercollegiate athletics.

Link to Council/Committee Website: <https://senate.uci.edu/committees/councils/council-on-teaching-learning-student-experience-ctlse/>

Frequency of Meetings: Monthly

Major Activities:

Discussions of the following

- Supported ASUCI recommendation to encourage asynchronous online learning during the pandemic (due to
- Reviewed online-only degree programs (in response to a systemwide review of online undergraduate education)
- Discussed proposals regarding Latin Honors upon graduation – criteria and transparency
- Reviewed future directions for the ILTI grant program (systemwide)
- Discussed Best Practices document for online teaching from DTEI
- Faculty Advisory Board for UROP program
- Optional Teaching Evaluations Reflection form for faculty
- Academic Integrity Review Board – processes and challenges in a remote environment
- Alternative forms of evidence of teaching excellence (because student evaluations are problematic) – presentation by DTEI and will result in future task force and recommendations

- Security camera usage on campus
- Issues with Canvas – presentation by OIT
- Grade appeals process – revisions to ensure a more transparent process
- Review of Barnes & Noble “First Day Complete” course materials model – all students would need to pay into a textbook system... rejected by council
- Review of “Gold Book” systemwide policing policies... many issues raised about use of force, racial justice, and the latitude of officer discretion.

Presentations from

- Faculty/staff mental health resources
- Student mental health resources
- Student athletics
- Career services

Issues of Concern to the Libraries:

Ongoing discussions about online degree programs; ongoing discussions on textbook affordability

Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:

Keep abreast of UCI Libraries initiatives in online tutorials/IL modules, and also keep abreast of conversations or new initiatives related to OER or textbook affordability.