APPENDIX F
Definitions

**Academic Programs** An academic *program* is a set of course offerings and a set of requirements that lead to a degree or focus student interests on specific topics. The curriculum of all programs of studies is supervised by a *program faculty*.

**Degree/Degree Title** – A degree is certification awarded upon satisfactory completion of a specific academic or professional program of courses and other requirements. Degree titles are posted on transcripts and diplomas. Degree titles new to campus require systemwide approval. UCSC is currently authorized to confer the following degrees:

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**Degree Program** – A degree program is an approved set of course, examination, and other requirements within a discipline or across disciplines, that leads to a degree, commonly referred to a “major” at the undergraduate level. Degree programs are identified both by the title of the degree conferred, and by the disciplinary area in which the degree is awarded.

**Non Degree Program** – Curriculum structured to provide student focus on specific topics. Minors, concentrations, and designated emphasis are examples. See the Committee on Educational Policy and Graduate Council links for comprehensive academic program definitions.20

**Program Faculty** – Program faculty are a group of faculty approved to offer one or more academic programs that may be degree programs, non-degree programs, or both. Program faculty may be appointed to one or various departments.

**Program Viability** – Sufficient resources to assure that all students currently pursuing the program can complete the requirements in a timely way. Resources include at least courses, faculty, staff, space, and equipment.

**Academic Units** Academic Units are organizations approved to offer curriculum and administer academic programs, both degree and non-degree.

**College** – A college at UCSC is an academic unit that may offer courses and degrees and which may superimpose undergraduate graduation requirements beyond degree and general campus requirements. College faculty recommend the award of undergraduate degrees.

20 CEP: [http://senate.ucsc.edu/committees/cep-committee-on-educational-policy/program-development/ugradprograms2.pdf](http://senate.ucsc.edu/committees/cep-committee-on-educational-policy/program-development/ugradprograms2.pdf)

Department – A department is an academic unit that usually offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Departments typically represent a well established discipline and are headed by a chair.

Division – A division is an academic unit comprised of one or more departments that offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs. A division is headed by a dean.

Interdepartmental Group – An interdepartmental group is composed of a number of faculty appointed to various departments that offers at least one interdisciplinary degree program. The group is governed by faculty by-laws and does not hold permanent faculty FTE. Interdepartmental groups report have a single overseeing dean.

School – A school is an academic unit typically comprising one or more departments that offer one or more professional degree programs. A school is headed by a dean.

Subject Matter Unit – A subject matter unit administers subject specific curriculum that does not lead to a degree. The Language Program, Writing Program, and Science Communication Program are examples of subject matter units. Subject matter units report to a dean.

Actions

Establishment – Creation of a new academic program or academic unit.

Suspension – Suspension is a temporary cessation of student admissions to an academic degree or non-degree program.

Discontinuance – Eliminating an academic program.

Disestablishment – Eliminating an academic unit.

Titles and Acronyms

CPEVC – Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
CEP – Committee on Educational Policy
CPB – Committee on Planning and Budget
CCGA – Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs
GC – Graduate Council
UCOP – University of California, Office of the President
VPAA – Vice Provost for Academic Affairs