Dear Colleagues,

As Chair of the Council on Educational Policy, I am writing to inform you of the Council’s authorization for a temporary exemption with regard to online instructional activities of undergraduate courses as described below. Please note that this authorization is effective only until the current strike ends or the fall quarter ends, whichever occurs first.

Temporary Exemption During UAW Strike
The current strike by Academic Student Employees (Teaching Assistants, Readers, and Tutors) may have adverse impacts on undergraduate student learning. Instructors may be exploring ways to manage a larger share of teaching and assessment, or to provide more access and a uniform experience to all students enrolled in their undergraduate courses. The Council on Educational Policy (CEP) authorizes a temporary shifting of undergraduate courses to remote or hybrid instruction at the discretion of the instructor until the current strike ends or the fall quarter ends, whichever occurs first. This limited, temporary exemption is only intended to provide instructors with additional options to minimize adverse impacts on undergraduate education. At the conclusion of the exemption period, the normal Senate process for approval of any online component of undergraduate courses will automatically resume.

Sincerely,

Manoj Kaplinghat, Chair
Council on Educational Policy