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Michael T. Brown Professor of Counseling/Clinical/ School Psychology Chair, UC Systemwide Academic Senate 1111 Franklin St., 12th Floor Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Michael:

RE: Systemwide Senate Review of the UC Information Technology Guidance Committee (ITGC) report, "Creating a UC Cyberinfrastructure"

The above report has been reviewed by the appropriate committee and the committee felt that overall, there was not much to disagree on. They also offered the following comments that might be useful for assessing if there was anything left out.

- 1. The current direction for utilizing technology to improve learning outcomes and the student's university experience points toward initiatives related to active and participative learning. Technology that supports these types of learning modes should be included in the vision.
- 2. They enthusiastically supported the vision of a shared computing grid and would like to add on some emphasis that it come along with a good mechanism of inviting and facilitating its use.
- 3. They also wondered if IT costs could be reduced by recognizing and exploiting various economies of scale?

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Cogswell

Professor of History; and

Chair of the Riverside Division

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