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Dear Dan,

Re: Systemwide Review of Report of Senate Membership Task Force

Several committees of the UCR Division read and commented on the Report of Senate Membership Task Force. These committees were as follows: Academic Personnel, Diversity and Equal Opportunity, Faculty Welfare, Promotion and Tenure, and the Executive Committees of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, and Bourns College of Engineering.

The UCR Division supports the four major recommendations of the Task Force, specifically:

1. Not to extend the list of titles accorded membership in the Senate at this time.
2. To encourage the Divisions to review those individuals in non-Senate titles and reclassify those whose duties and responsibilities are consistent with Senate membership.
3. To retain the historical practice of separating curricular authority for undergraduate and professional school education.
4. To review and revise the list of administrative titles that are automatically granted Senate membership to determine whether non-academic administrative positions are currently under academic administrator titles. Our Division is in complete agreement that professional administrative titles should not be given Senate membership.

Concern was expressed about two other issues.

1. First, the cover letter discusses administrative growth in units that are not funded by the state but nonetheless have administration that is funded by the state. This practice seems problematic, especially in the current budget climate, and we suggest that it be reviewed carefully in discussions beyond the report of the Senate Membership Task Force.
2. Second, the CODEO is concerned about the potential effect on diversity and equal opportunity if Senate membership were to become skewed with members who have

little or no direct involvement with the academic, particularly the undergraduate, mission of the campuses.

Sincerely yours,

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