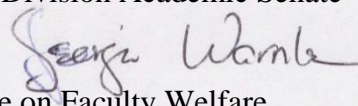


UCRIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | **Academic Senate**
Committee on Faculty Welfare

March 14, 2014

To: Jose Wudka
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Georgia Warnke 
Chair, Committee on Faculty Welfare

Re: UCR Libraries Strategic Plan

The Committee on Faculty Welfare met with the University Librarian at its meeting on March 11, 2014 to discuss the UCR Libraries Strategic Plan. The committee generally supports the goals outlined in the plan but has three concerns.

First, it would like to see more opportunities for faculty involvement in the library's planning beyond focus groups and consultation with the Senate committee on Library, Information Technology and Scholarly Communication. The library should be in constant contact with the academic departments

Second, the committee is concerned that Strategic Goal 5: Diversify Revenue Sources through Development and Grant Support not be used to end the university's own financial commitment to the library.

Third, the committee understands the importance of digital resources. Nonetheless, it would like to remind the library that many disciplines, particularly in the humanities, remain book-based and that digital resources cannot yet substitute for the experience of losing all sense of time among the shelves of a well-stocked library.