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TO: José Wudka, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Jason Weems, Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

While the Committee is excited to see UCR in an overall pattern of development within the University, we share several concerns related specifically to CHASS.

First, we are anxious that the two major proposals for new undergraduate majors (in the schools of Business and Public Policy) each come at the (potential) expense of CHASS. Specifically, each program proposes to “take over” CHASS students, while still calling on CHASS resources to cover a significant portion of instruction and costs.

Second, we are wondering why CHASS itself is not growing more robustly? In particular, we note a number of PhD proposals in CHASS currently marked as “postponed.” Is this due to issues internal to departments or the College, or does it reflect a lack of prioritization by university Administration for the development of the College?

We assert that UCR’s ambitions as a university requires equitable support of innovation and development across all colleges.

Jason Weems, Chair
UCR CHASS Executive Committee