April 28, 2016

To: Ken Baerenklau, Associate Provost
From: Jose Wudka, Chair, Academic Senate
Subject: UCR’s Five-Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-21

Dear Ken,

Executive Council discussed the 5-year campus perspectives document during its April 25 meeting. Council, as well as, the reviewing committees had few comments on the document, though several issues were raised about the implications of the data contained therein. One pertinent observation is that the Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience (CBN) is already established, so that only its proposed renaming should be included in the document.

Some reviewers noted that the document is anemic compared to other campuses. In particular one reviewing committee deplored the absence of growth in the Middle East & Islamic Studies Program. Another reviewing committee noted that the reorganization of CNAS has been withdrawn without apparently resolving the structural issues in that college. It was also pointed out that two of the proposed changes involve moving popular programs out of CHASS, and that this will be controversial.

Yours truly,

Jose Wudka
Chair, Riverside Senate Division

Enclosure
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

April 12, 2016

To: Jose Wudka
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Georgia Warnke, Chair
Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Campus Review. Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

The Committee on Academic Personnel is not certain what it is being asked to consider since the documents the committee received do not contain enough information for it to provide meaningful input. CAP therefore respectfully requests further clarification on the intent of feedback. If CAP is being asked to comment on the reasonableness of the campus plan for the next five years, it would need to know what each item involves in terms of staffing, support and the like as well as its projected impact.
April 18, 2016

To:    Jose Wudka, Chair
       Riverside Division
       
From:  Chris Chase-Dunn, Chair
       Committee on Courses

Re:    Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-2021

The Committee on Courses reviewed the draft Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-2021 and did not identify any concerns with the draft.
April 6, 2016

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
   Riverside Division

From: Stephen Wimpenny, Chair
       Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-2021

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the draft Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-2021 at their April 1, 2016 meeting. The Committee opined concern that the proposal for the reorganization of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences was listed as withdrawn, however the requests to rename the Departments of Biology, Environmental Sciences, and Cell Biology and Neuroscience, which were included in the reorganization proposal, are listed as in progress. The Committee requests clarification on the document as to what part of the reorganization proposal was withdrawn. The Committee voted to support the remainder of the document.
April 22, 2016

To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: Manuela Martins-Green, Chair  
Committee on Diversity & Equal Opportunity

Re: Campus Review. Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

The Senate Committee of Diversity and Equal Opportunity urges the campus administration to seriously consider expanding the faculty resources of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Program. The program has currently only four full-time faculty members and lacks faculty in essential fields such as Political Science, Languages, and History. The principal reason for our urgent request is to provide more faculty mentors for our students of Middle Eastern and Islamic heritage. In recent months these students have experienced unprecedented harassment and discrimination (as revealed, for example, during a campus-wide symposium on Islamophobia on April 11, 2016 that was attended by more than 100 students and faculty); students also continue to experience anxiety because of the recent terror attacks in San Bernardino and a political climate that has encouraged anti-Muslim rhetoric; they are looking for faculty leaders who understand their concerns and can give them feedback. As the number of students of Middle Eastern and Islamic heritage is increasing (as is the number of foreign students from Middle Eastern and other Islamic countries) this is an important issue that will only become more pressing in the future. We also believe that hiring more faculty covering the vast and diverse regions of the Muslim world (ranging from North Africa to South Asia) has the potential of greatly contributing to the faculty diversity of this campus.
April 26, 2016

To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Richard Arnott, Chair  
Committee on Research

RE: Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

The Committee on Research discussed the campus five-year planning perspectives and does not wish to opine.
April 22, 2016

To: Jose Wudka  
   Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Jennifer Hughes, Chair  
       Committee on Faculty Welfare

Re: Campus Review. Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

The Committee on Faculty Welfare met on April 19, 2016 to discuss the campus five-year planning perspectives and found the list of proposed programs for establishment, transfer, consolidation, discontinuance and disestablishment to be reasonable. However, the Committee felt the intent of the suggested item listed as “Renaming or establishing Cell Biology and Neuroscience” was not clear as the Cell Biology and Neuroscience department has already been established and is a functioning department. By a vote of +4-0-0, the Committee on Faculty Welfare approves of the proposed document with a recommendation to revise or clarify this item.
April 13, 2016

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
    Riverside Division

From: David Lo, Chair
      Graduate Council

RE: Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

The Graduate Council discussed the campus five-year planning perspectives and has no specific concerns. However, the Council would like to point out that there is a comma missing after the word “Ecology” where the plan states “Renaming Biology to Evolution, Ecology, and Organismic Biology”.
April 18, 2016

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
    Riverside Division

From: Leonard Nunney, Chair
      Committee on Library and Information Technology

Re: Campus Review: Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

The Committee on Library and Information Technology reviewed the Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives at their April 12, 2016 meeting. The committee chose not to opine on this review item as it is outside the purview of the committee.
April 18, 2016

To: Jose Wudka  
Chair, Riverside Division Academic Senate

Fr: Kenneth Barish  
Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget

Re: Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives

The Committee of Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the Campus-Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016 to 2021. The Committee’s understanding of the document was to review a year’s worth of progress within the overall five-year plan. The members note that the contents of the document look to be consistent with proposals that were reviewed by the committee. CPB found the one-year progress of the perspectives to be reasonable, but noted that overall campus activity seems very minimal when compared to other campuses. It was noted that under Section #2 and #3, the items related to the School of Public Policy appear to be on a reasonable timeline given the school’s recent establishment. Items proposed by the Graduate School of Education and the School of Business Administration also seem reasonable. However, without further information on associated costs, CPB could not comment on the financial impact of these program proposals.
To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Eddie Comeaux, Chair  
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

Re: UCR Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-2021

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the draft UCR Five Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-2021 and did not identify any concerns with the draft.
April 18, 2016

TO: Jose Wudka, Chair
    Riverside Division

FR: Akula Venkatram, Chair
    Executive Committee, Bourns College of Engineering

RE: UCR’s Five-Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-21

The BCOE Executive Committee has reviewed UCR’s Five-Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-21. The BCOE Executive Committee has no objections to the perspectives.
April 18, 2016

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
April 26, 2016

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sarjeet Gill, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

Re: 5 Year Planning Perspectives

The CNAS Executive Committee at their April 19th discussed the 5 Year Planning Perspectives. The committee felt they did not have sufficient time to discuss the document. In addition, the committee needs further explanation on this document as it was difficult to understand its objective.

Yours sincerely,
Sarjeet Gill, Chair
CNAS Executive Committee
April 18, 2016

TO: Jose Wudka, Chair of Academic Senate

FROM: Iryna Ethell, Chair of Faculty Executive Committee, School of Medicine

RE: Review a draft of UCR’s Five-Year Planning Perspectives for 2016-21

The School of Medicine Executive Committee reviewed the draft and has no comments.