




February 16, 2017

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Kurt Anderson, Chair   
Committee on International Education

Re: Visiting Dignitary Protocol Manual

The Committee on International Education reviewed the proposed Visiting Dignitary Protocol Manual for UCR and voted to support the proposal. The Committee did note concern that the term “dignitary” is loosely defined in the manual and thus it is unclear when a “dignitary” request must be submitted. The Committee commented that because administrative approvals can conflict with academic freedom and responsibilities under the purview of the Academic Senate, it is important to document when seeking approvals is or is not appropriate. The Committee recommends that some language be included in the proposal to document when the university is being asked to contribute resources/time beyond those expected from basic duties to trigger a dignitary request