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To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Leonard Nunney 
Committee on Library and Information Technology

Re: [Systemwide Review] Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)
Policy

The Committee on Library and Information Technology reviewed the [Systemwide Review] Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy at their March 7, 2017 meeting and is in broad support of the Policy. However, there was concern over how the Policy would be enforced. There seems to be no statement regarding the entity responsible for enforcing Systemwide regulations. Thus while a "Designated Local Authority" is charged with overseeing enforcement of local UAS related policies, and UCOP EH&S for the Systemwide policy, it is not stated how enforcement would occur and what the consequences of policy violations would be.

Two more specific issues not addressed in the policy document were of concern to the committee.

- (1) The potential effects of drone noise on students studying, taking examinations, or listening to lectures, and on research that may be sensitive to ambient noise. It would seem appropriate to place Systemwide limits on noise levels, which could be tailored locally to protect sensitive locations.
- (2) The potential for drones to harvest electronic information regarding campus email traffic and other IT. A ban on the use of such technical surveillance equipment would seem appropriate.