

To: Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

RE: Report of the Meeting of the UC Academic Senate Assembly, April 11, 2018

1. **Faculty Salaries Plan**

The bulk of the discussion involved strategic conversation about how to push the UC administration to take a more aggressive position on faculty salaries. The UC Senate submitted a salary increase plan to UC administration that received varying levels of support from campus-level administrations. In many cases, campus administrations voiced support for the Senate salary plan, but also stated their belief that UCOP would not be supportive. Assembly members discussed the nuances of how to approach UCOP to argue for the Senate salary plan, and commended the UC Senate leadership for writing the plan to proactively fill the vacuum on this issue (that is, UC admin has not offered any analogous plan to deal with the sagging competitiveness of UC faculty salaries).

Later in the meeting, UC Provost Michael Brown joined the call. Assembly members questioned him on UCOP's general passivity on faculty salary competitiveness, and several members articulated strong positions that improving UC salary competitiveness must be a priority for the UC administration if the UC system is to retain any semblance of its self-stated mission to be a global leader among public research institutions. There was little movement from Provost Brown on this matter.

2. **Executive Session: Nominee for Academic Senate Representative to Regents Committee on Health Services**

This second agenda point was privileged as an Executive Session.