September 2, 2009

TO: ACADEMIC SENATE CHAIRS

FM: ANTHONY W. NORMAN, CHAIR
RIVERSIDE DIVISION

RE: 5th ANNUAL ACADEMIC SENATE RETREAT

It is my pleasure to invite you to the Annual Academic Senate Retreat scheduled for September 22, 2009. The retreat will be held in Bourns Hall Room A265 and will start at 09:00 AM.

The objective of the Academic Senate’s annual Leadership Retreat is to provide a venue and other interactive opportunities designed to enhance committee efficacy, foster a solid leadership core for the UCR Academic Senate and to offer opportunities for discovering best practices to ensure coordination amongst Senate Committees, Senate Officers and University and Campus Administrators.

The Senate Leadership Retreat goals are:

1. Provide an orientation to committee chairs to enhance their abilities to serve as Senate leaders and to offer assistance in running meetings efficiently.

2. Provide a forum for Senate leaders to meet one another and understand the role of each other’s committees as well as the structure of the governing bodies of the campus and university.

3. Provide a clear understanding of the role of the Senate in relation to the formulation of policy.

4. Explain the structure and function of committees, so that chairs and vice chairs can coordinate overlapping issues effectively.

5. Introduce Senate Faculty leadership to the resources available from the Senate Office.

6. Provide a forum for discussion of important issues facing the Senate in the upcoming year.
Agenda

8:50 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome
Tony Norman, Chair

9:05 – 9:20 Role of the Academic Senate and Shared Governance
Tony Norman
Chair, Riverside Division

9:20 – 9:35 Staff Introductions: Role of the Senate Staff
Sellyna Ehlers, Executive Director

9:35 – 9:55 Legal Issues from the Faculty Perspective
Cynthia Vroom, Senior Counsel, UC Office of the President
Questions & discussion

10:00 – 10:20 Reaccreditation for UCR: A summary of the WASC Process and where we are
David Fairris, Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education
Questions & discussion

10:20 – 10:30 Questions & discussion

10:30 – 12:00 Roundtable Discussions
Moderators: Tony Norman/Kathleen Montgomery (Vice Chair)
1. Crafting a Senate Mission Statement (20 min)
2. Faculty involvement in Undergraduate admissions (25 min)
   [ AVC L. Lundgren - Background Information]
3. Status of reorganization of Senate committees (25)
4. Return of the Graduate Council to the Senate (20 min)
Questions & Sum-up

12:00 – 12:15 Questions & Sum-up

12:20 Lunch

12:20 – 12:50 TBA
Chancellor Timothy P. White
Questions & Discussion

01:15 – 01:45 Long Range Development Plan
Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Dallas Rabenstein
Questions & Discussion

01:45 – 02:00 Questions & Discussion

2:00 Closing Remarks
Adjournment
Tony Norman, Chair