March 26, 2020

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

From: Dmitri Maslov, Chair  
Committee on Academic Freedom (CAF)

Re: Proposed COVID-19 Response Temporary Suspension and Replacement of UCR Regulations (R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2) for Spring 2020

The Committee on Academic Freedom considered the "Proposed COVID-19 Response Temporary Suspension and Replacement of UCR Regulations (R1.1.4-5 and R1.2.2) for Spring 2020" submitted for a campus review on March 25, 2020.

The Committee's view is that these are timely and necessary adjustments. One suggested modification is proposed for the last sentence of article R.1.8.1 which refers to the maximal amount of time allocated for final exams. The current policy is that disability students, who receive their in-person exams at SDRC, are given a longer time to work on their exams. This policy should be applicable to on-line exams during Spring 2020. Accordingly, the respective sentence should be modified as follows: "If a final written examination is given, it shall not exceed three hour's duration, except for the students with disability who normally get their examinations at SDRC" or similar.