



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL May 15, 2019

To: Cindy Larive
Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

From: Dylan Rodríguez,
Chair, Riverside Division

Re: WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and UCR Response

Dear Cindy,

I am happy to offer the Senate's full committee feedback on the WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and UCR Response. I have attached the committee reports.

Given the succinct, summary nature of the reports, i will refrain from summarizing them here and instead emphasize that Executive Council fully endorses their contents. I ask that you give particular attention to the matters raised by the Committee on Educational Policy and Committee on Planning & Budget, which include concerns over Senate resources for conducting program reviews in an efficient and timely manner, as well as the Committee on Courses, which is encouraging the development of a strong consultative relationship with the Senate in matters relevant to assessment. The Committee on Library & Information Technology and Graduate Council, in a similar vein, offer feedback that expresses strong concern over staffing needs.


Again, i trust that a full read of these documents will reflect the totality of the Senate committees' engagement with the WASC report and the anticipated collaborative work we must embrace in its wake. We appreciate the opportunity to engage on this issue.

Peace
dylan



April 26, 2019

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Paul Lyons, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: WASC Report

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the WASC Report and related documents at their April 12, 2019 meeting. The Committee acknowledges and supports WASC's recommendation that the review of undergraduate programs should occur at a greater frequency so that programs are reviewed at least every ten years. However, in order for CEP to increase the number of reviews conducted annually the Senate needs to be provided with resources to fund the Senate staffing needed to facilitate the increase of reviews, the increase in the amount of honorariums and funding for travel reimbursements that will be awarded to external reviewers, and the need for more members on the Committee to conduct the reviews.



COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

April 15, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Boris Maciejovsky, Chair 
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Re: **Report Review: WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and UCR Response**

CoDEI would like to point out that there has been a shift in the ethnic composition in the undergraduate population between 2007 and 2017. Specifically, there has been a decrease in Black and Asian students. The proportion of Black students has been particularly low at 3.5%. We would like to inquire whether there have been specific plans to increase the share of particularly Black students and whether there is the aim of ensuring a more balanced ethnic profile in the undergraduate and graduate population.



May 3, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Wee Liang Gan, Chair
Committee on Courses

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Re: WASC Report

The Committee on Courses reviewed the WASC report at their April 15, 2019 meeting. The Committee noted that while WASC's March 4, 2019 letter includes the required actions that UCR needs to take before the next visit from WASC, it does not specifically define what needs to be accomplished in regards to learning outcomes. The Committee recommends that the Senate needs to play a role in how the campus decides to proceed with changes to the assessment of learning outcomes. As the Committee is charged with ensuring the academic rigor of all courses, consultation with the Office of Evaluation and Assessment is welcomed to ensure that the rigor of courses is maintained with any proposed changes to establish learning outcomes assessment of course curriculum.

GRADUATE COUNCIL

April 30, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council



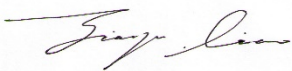
Re: [Campus Review] Report Review: WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and UCR Response

Graduate Council discussed the WASC Commission action letter and report and UCR's response at their April 18, 2019 meeting. The Council feels that assessment of graduate education is clearly a need on this campus, as indicated by the WASC report, and the Council fully supports the idea as well as the concerns expressed in the report. However, it will be crucial to provide staff support where it is needed (in the departments, Graduate Division, etc.) in order to fully commit to the assessment of graduate education. The Council is also supportive of the positive steps Graduate Division has already taken to rectify the assessment issues raised in the report including establishing a framework for integration of assessment into tracking student progress.



April 22, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jiayu Liao 
Committee on Library and Information Technology

Re: Campus Review: WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and UCR
Response

The Committee on Library and Information Technology reviewed WASC Commission action letter, report, and UCR response at their meeting on April 18, 2019. The committee wanted to reinforce the recommendation regarding increased staffing for the Library and Information Technology Solutions. The committee also wanted to note that the current Library staffing is anywhere from 1/3 to 1/2 to that of comparable research universities. Similarly, the Library's collection budget is nearly tied for the bottom of the national ranking (113 out of 114 according to last year's data that the Association of Research Libraries just released). In addition, the committee would like an assessment of our library study space by square footage per student to see how we compare across the UC system. The committee would also like to echo recommendation 4 and have Library and ITS assess their budget and associated revenue projections to see if they are realistic and ensure they can fulfill their mission and responsibility with the growth in both student and faculty populations in the past and future with their allocated budgets.



PLANNING & BUDGET

April 30, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Katherine Kinney, Chair *Katherine Kinney*
Committee on Planning and Budget

Re: [Campus Review] Report Review: WASC Commission Action Letter and Report and
UCR Response

Planning & Budget (P&B) discussed the WASC Commission action letter and report and UCR's response at their April 16, 2019 meeting. P&B feels that the action points raised by WASC are valid. P&B notes concern that there were no efforts underway to establish a new strategic plan when WASC had their campus visit. The committee is more concerned with the campus' ability to carry out program assessment and that task falling on a single person than it is over the necessary budget model refinements requested by WASC.