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Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Chair, Academic Council  
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**RE: [Systemwide Review] UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review**

Dear Kum-Kum,

I write to provide the Riverside Division's full consultative response to the UCDC Center Review. The UCR Executive Council did not wish to provide additional comment. Standing Committees did offer substantial feedback on the review document. The Committee on Educational Policy and Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, in particular, raised multiple issues regarding the UCDC program's financial accessibility for students who are socioeconomically vulnerable and may be working part-to-full-time jobs to support their schooling. Given the internship model of UCDC, it is worth highlighting the notion of creating paid internships that will allow many more UCR students to consider participating. I trust that you will examine the attached documents to receive the Division's full feedback.

Peace  
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Dylan Rodriguez  
Professor of Media & Cultural Studies and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Hilary Baxter, Executive Director of the Academic Senate  
Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of UCR Academic Senate Office



January 15, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: UCDC Center Review

The UCDC program is exceptional and a great asset of the UC system. We have read and review of the UC Washington Center and discussed the impact of the main recommendations on undergraduate education. We strongly support *Future Suggestion 11 – Secure Additional Student Funding*. Some issues described below were not addressed in the report and may have been overlooked in the analysis. If the administration of UCDC transitions from UCOP to a host campus, care should be taken to maintain the identity of UCDC as a systemwide program. Concerns were raised about how equitable access to the UCDC program across the campuses would be maintained if the Quota Model is eliminated. Few details were provided on what the replacement might be. If this recommendation is adopted, the new system should be fair both in access and cost allocation.

There are some issues related to the cost of participation and the gap between the total cost of staying on campus for the quarter and participating in UCDC that were not discussed in the report that make the gap even larger for some students. A significant fraction of UCR students must work part time to support themselves. For these students, participating in UCDC would require them to give up that income for a quarter. Many UCR students still live at home and commute to campus. Participating in UCDC would require an additional \$3500 beyond what they would pay to stay on campus living at home. Either of these two issues could easily prevent a student from participating in UCDC if the difference isn't covered by some other source of support.

Internships are at the core of the UCDC program. We believe there should be options for paid internships, especially for students who must cover a substantial cost gap to participate. We assume that most or all current internships are unpaid. This could be a way to share program costs with organizations that benefit from intern labor and be part of the solution to cover the participation cost gap for some students. If the number of paid internships is limited, a need-based selection could be used to allocate them.

We did not find any demographic data on the students that participate in UCDC. We would like to see demographic data as a whole and broken down by UC campus on ethnicity, gender, first generation status, low income status, and the fraction of students receiving Pell grants. A campus by campus comparison of these data for UCDC student with the data from the entire undergraduate population for a campus would give us a better understanding of whether financial and other barriers are negatively impacting access and diversity for the program.

A breakdown by major would also be interesting to see. Most internships are presumably in the areas of political science and public policy, for understandable reasons. There may be majors, such as art history, that would be well suited to the UCDC program but might not have many internship options. If that's the case, it would be beneficial to try to expand the internship options with this in mind. Having the breakdown by major would help identify which areas would benefit the most from this effort.



**COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

January 9, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez  
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Xuan Liu, Chair  
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Re: [Systemwide Review] Report Review: UC Washington (UCDC) Center  
Review

CoDEI considered the UC Washington Center Review. The committee had substantial comments and expressed concerns regarding the reports complete devoid of DEI assessment. For example, does UCDC accept diverse students? Does it provide them with a voice in Washington? The committee recommends the DEI assessment of the UC Washington Center to be included in the review.



December 18, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Djurdjica Coss, Chair  
Committee on Research

RE: Systemwide Review: [Report Review] UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review

The Committee on Research reviewed the UC Washington UCDC Center report and is supportive but would like to ensure the initiative is properly advertised to all faculty.

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

January 17, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Graduate Council



**RE: UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review Report**

The Graduate Council reviewed the UCDC Center Review report at their January 16, 2020 meeting. The Council encourages exploration of how to include graduate students in this program so that it is more accessible for all students.



**PLANNING & BUDGET**

January 21, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Harry Tom, Chair  
Committee on Planning and Budget

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry WK Tom".

**Re: [Systemwide Review] Report Review: UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review**

Planning & Budget discussed the UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review report at their January 14, 2020 meeting. The committee believes the program is valuable and with the new financial model, seems to be financially stable. The proposed changes discussed in the report appear to be beneficial for the program.