



Academic Senate

July 27, 2021

To: Thomas Smith
Special Advisor to the Chancellor

From: Jason Stajich
Chair, Riverside Division

RE: **Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)**

Dear Tom,

Executive Council discussed the partnership agreement and consultative memos received in response during their July 26, 2021 meeting. Though Council had no objection, we ask that faculty be periodically informed about how this agreement is progressing via reports regarding engagement types and data.

Sincerely,
/s/Jason



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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

July 2, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

RE: Renewal of the Partnership Agreement between UCR and RUSD on the Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the renewal of the partnership agreement between UCR and RUSD on the Riverside STEM Academy (RSA) at their July 2, 2021 meeting. The Committee is supportive of the renewal but does recommend that the following typos be corrected in the agreement:

- The acronym for the Graduate School of Education, GSOE, should be included in “University agrees to:”, section 1 of Exhibit “A” on page 4.
- The Graduate School of Education (GSOE) should be included in “University agrees to:”, section 5 of Exhibit “A” on page 4.
- The acronym for the Riverside STEM Academy (RSA) is misspelled in the second to last line of “The Parties agree too:”, section 1 of Exhibit “A” on page 5.



July, 5 2021

TO: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Lucille Chia, Chair *Lucille Chia*
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Partnership Agreement between UCR and RUSD in relation to the current
Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

As the note of May 27, 2021 from Thomas Smith, Special Advisor to the Chancellor notes, we are reviewing a renewal of the Partnership Agreement between UCR and RUSD. As for the impact of this agreement on CHASS, it seems that according to the details in the second half of the document, "Exhibit A," CHASS would not be directly involved to any great extent, other than to agree to conduct tours, provide classroom space for events when available, etc.

On the implications of this agreement for UCR in general, however, the CHASS EC does have some serious concerns.

--First, UCR is giving up valuable space on a campus that is running out of land—land on which the RSA will be built and is leased to RUSD for \$1 per year (!?). Indeed, one EC member notes that "the agreement's terms are in one respect precisely the opposite of what was represented to the faculty at the inception of the project planning. As originally conceived, UCR was supposed to have access to the RSA's classrooms after regular school hours, helping to solve the university's space crunch without having to find more building funds. Instead, this agreement obliges UCR to 'Provide access to auditorium/large classroom facilities, when available.' That obligation, at minimum, should be reciprocal. Otherwise, a significant inducement for UCR to enter the arrangement disappears.

--Moreover, another member noted that it is unclear "where this whole proposal is in the process, [and] that many in the sciences are not happy about this. . . There is also concern about the high school being located so close to campus housing, the effects of increased traffic to the residents in the area, the impact of high school students coming on to campus (e.g., potentially adding to the long lines for food when our students often have very small windows of time to get something to eat between classes and/or work).

--Finally, and extremely troubling is that the UCR administration has repeatedly and consistently proceeded with this “partnership” without timely consultation with the Senate and providing transparent and detailed explanation of the details of UCR’s negotiations with the RUSD. Members of the EC who have also been in the Senate Executive Council have personally seen these problems and feel that it exemplifies the administration’s flouting the principle of shared governance.





COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

June 15, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division Academic Senate

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

Re: [Campus Review] Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

The Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion reviewed the Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA) and does not have any concerns from a DEI perspective.

However, we have two general comments.

- (1) Has either side actually held up their side of the agreement outlined in Exhibit A? Did either side do any of which they said they would? (i.e., a list of previous/ongoing Exhibit A activities would have been nice)
- (2) Should there be a trigger for a potential renegotiation if the proposed STEM High School is approved and is built within the timeframe of the extended agreement? Presumably, this would represent an expansion of what is and is not possible.



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July 6, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Hai Che, Chair
Committee on Research

Re: 20-21. CR. Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy

The committee reviewed the proposal and had no comments.



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COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE

July 14, 2021

To: Jason Stajich
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Patricia Morton, Chair
Committee on Faculty Welfare

Re: **[Campus Review] Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between
UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)**

The Committee on Faculty Welfare met on June 15, 2021 to consider the proposed renewal of partnership agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA). The Committee is in overall support of the proposal and has no further comments.



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GRADUATE COUNCIL

July 6, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Amanda Lucia, Chair
Graduate Council

Re: [Campus Review] Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

Graduate Council reviewed the proposed renewal of the partnership agreement between UCR and RUSD regarding the Riverside STEM Academy. The Council was supportive of renewing this partnership.



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July 5, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Alejandra Dubcovsky, Chair
Committee on Library and Information Technology

RE: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy

The LIT Committee discussed this proposal via email. Overall, there was support for the proposal. Yet there was one concern about the impact of teacher's enrollment in summer enrichment programs and University Extension (UNEX). Will departments receive incentives for the RUSD teachers who join classes through extension, as in the past? Or is this a new kind of agreement? Will only certain classes be available to the STEM Academy teachers, or will all of them be available? The LIT wanted more clarity on how this would unfold.



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July 6, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jingsong Zhang, Chair
Committee on Preparatory Education

Re: Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding
Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

The Committee on Preparatory Education has reviewed the Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA) and generally supports the STEM Academy partnership renewal agreement with RUSD. There are some questions about the details. (1) Why only some of the colleges are participating? Why would the School of Public Policy not participate for example? (2) When RUSD or RSA is promised access, does that mean for free, or will RSA be expected to pay the fees for rooms on campus? The language for access to large classrooms include "when available." (3) Will teachers or the district be paying for the involvement of their teachers in the various programming that UCR is promising to make available for them? (4) When select University personnel guide the development of the RSA course offerings and classroom enrichment activities, will RSA be compensating them for their time? Will this be voluntary on the part of the University personnel or an expected part of their university responsibilities? 5) Shouldn't the University be partnering more broadly with RUSD to help improve their teacher training and programs, rather than just with one school within the system? (6) Regarding the insurance, will the general liability also cover medical?



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COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL RESOURCES PLANNING

July 6, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Ben Bishin, Chair
Committee on Physical Resources Planning

Re: Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding
Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

The Committee on Physical Resources Planning has reviewed the Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA) and express significant concerns about the renewal of the partnership agreement with RUSD pertaining to the placement of a STEM academy on the UCR campus. The documents made available are very general and thereby preclude in-depth evaluation. Members note that the implications of this agreement are potentially quite large but difficult to assess on the basis of this document and there was therefore very little support for approval. More specifically, members expressed concerns that range from issues of classroom space, traffic flows, and parking, to campus resources more broadly, including the potential repurposing or reprioritization of space (e.g., auditoriums under Exhibit A, item 4) currently allocated to or prioritized for UCR groups and presently affiliated individuals. Several committee members expressed concerns about the availability of already impacted classroom (and auditorium) space and the effect of that on both faculty schedules (which have already recently been changed in a manner that impedes faculty efficiency and increases teaching beyond commonly accepted business hours) and the availability of such space to other UCR groups and organizations.



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June 29, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Ph.D., Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

From: Declan McCole, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, and UCR School of Medicine

Subject: SOM FEC Response to the Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

The SOM Executive Committee reviewed the *Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)* at the regular meeting on June 24, 2021. SOM FEC does not have any concerns with this proposal. SOM FEC is supportive of this initiative and has no additional comments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Declan McCole".

Declan F. McCole, Ph.D.
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee
School of Medicine



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COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

June 18, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sheldon Tan, Chair
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

RE: CR. Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA) and voted to support the proposal.

The committee would like clarification on the effective date. Page 1 of the document states, "This Agreement, effective Thursday, July 30, 2021, is made by and between The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the University of California, Riverside campus (hereinafter referred to as "University"), and Riverside Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as "District"), on behalf of its Riverside STEM Academy (hereinafter referred to as "RSA"); collectively the Parties."

However, further down on page 1 of the document under Terms and Conditions, the effective date begins July 1, 2020.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. TERM. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020-June 30, 2025.



PLANNING & BUDGET

June 15, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Katherine Kinney, Chair
Committee on Planning and Budget

RE: [Campus Review] Proposal: Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD regarding Riverside STEM Academy (RSA)

Planning & Budget (P&B) discussed the proposal to renew the partnership agreement between UCR and RUSD regarding the Riverside STEM Academy at their June 8, 2021 meeting. P&B supports renewal of the partnership with RUSD regarding the STEM Academy. There was broad agreement that this partnership is beneficial for the campus, especially since outreach to K-12 is increasingly a requirement for NSF and other grants. Some members did question competing demands on resources, such as the outreach value of a performing art series, which the campus has lacked for many years.

P&B recognizes that the question of renewing this agreement is a narrow one amid a much larger more complex process. We note that in moving forward, the promised campus sponsored events (field trips, lab tours, etc.) should be paid for and organized by Recruitment/Outreach rather than becoming a mandate on the Colleges and Schools.

This partnership will require effective planning and ongoing, transparent and meaningful consultation with the Senate as well as departments, programs and individual faculty members.

P&B also would like to clarify that UCR can and will continue to maintain STEM focused collaborations with other RUSD high schools.

July 26, 2021

TO: Jason Stajich, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Philip Brisk, Chair 
BCOE Executive Committee

RE: Renewal of the Partnership Agreement between UCR and RUSD on the Riverside
STEM Academy (RSA)

Dear Jason,

The BCOE Executive Committee reviewed the proposed renewal of the partnership agreement between UCR and the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) on the Riverside STEM Academy (RSA). The Committee supports the proposal to renew the agreement.

The Committee did have one question. Exhibit "A" (pages 5 and 6) outlines a set of actions that both UCR and RSA will take as part of the partnership. Since this is a renewal, and it appears that this language has not changed, it would have been nice to know a bit more about the level of (pre-COVID) engagement between UCR and RSA as evidence of the strength of the existing partnership.