


**UC RIVERSIDE** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | **Academic Senate**  
**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

March 30, 2017

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

From: Emma Aronson, Chair   
Committee on Academic Freedom

**Re: Proposed Policy: Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy**

The Committee on Academic Freedom met on March 15, 2017 to discuss the proposed draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) System. Members expressed concern over the need to require a flight plan in advance of using a UAS which may inhibit research creativity and environmental issues that take place in the spur of the moment. The Committee suggests the policy stay within FAA guidelines, but allow for data flights to be obtained for a range of locations rather than for specific coordinates. The Committee does not wish to place an undue burden of specificity on faculty, but to minimize the red tape that would prevent research activities.