


UCRIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA | **Academic Senate**
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

November 6, 2017

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

From: John Levin, Chair 
Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: Draft WASC Institutional Report

The Committee on Academic Freedom met to discuss the draft WASC Institutional Report and suggested the following revision to point number 22 to avoid misinterpretation:

Current language:

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Proposed revision:

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