



February 20, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Louis Santiago, Chair, Executive Committee
College of Natural and Agricultural Science

Re: Systemwide Review: Second Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential
Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations

The CNAS Executive Committee discussed the Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations report at its February 5, 2019 meeting. Overall, the committee understands the importance of making information from a public institution available as soon as possible. However, there was a concern brought up that there is no mechanism for faculty advisors of finishing masters and doctoral students to weigh in on whether the thesis or document should be embargoed. Additionally, there was concern over where in the thesis and dissertation filing process the student requests an embargo. This is important because the default is to release theses and dissertations immediately, so if that step were missed, it could lead to premature publication of results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis Santiago".

Louis Santiago, Chair
CNAS Executive Committee