



November 22, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

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

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

Re: UCR Online Course Agreement (ILTI Agreement)

The CNAS Executive Committee discussed the proposed policy on UCR online courses. There was some discussion about the definition of “exceptional university resources”. While the document does discuss this, it is an important factor and there appear to be some grey areas. The committee was intrigued by the idea that the UC actually needs a license from faculty to use the intellectual property of online courses. There was an appreciation for the idea that faculty can get royalties for the online courses that they create.

However, there was also concern with section 7.2, which indicates that if a lawsuit happens, the faculty would be on their own and would have to pay for legal expenses for themselves, and possibly the Regents. In a previous version of this agreement, the UC was designated to cover legal issues of faculty related to online course materials.