

February 11, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

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



Re: Report of the Working Group on Comprehensive Access

The CNAS Executive Committee discussed the Report of the Working Group on Comprehensive Access. There were members of the committee that felt that because of the UC's stance on equality that it went against our principles for UC medical facilities to partner with religious medical institutions with discriminatory or restricted health policies. There were also members that felt that such a partnership would be acceptable only as a last resort, or if it were possible to compartmentalize certain treatments under UC direction within a partner facility. It was pointed out that the UC is already supporting religious medical institutions with discriminatory or restricted health policies by offering their medical coverage as part of our employee benefit options. It was also pointed out that the UC is already sanctioning other states with discriminatory or restricted policies to specific groups. Therefore, there are existing examples of the UC both supporting and sanctioning entities that do not provide comprehensive access.