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**To:** Jason Stajich, Ph.D., Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

**From:** Declan McCole, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine

**Subject:** SOM FEC Response to: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Formalization of Division Status for Undergraduate Education

Dear Jason,

During the SOM Executive Committee regularly scheduled meeting, the FEC reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Formalization of Division Status for Undergraduate Education. The SOM FEC was enthusiastic for this proposal as enhancing the student experience is of clear value and importance. However, there were some concerns raised. Most notably, a compelling argument was not clearly presented as to why there is an overriding need for the establishment of this new Division. More specific questions related to:

- What credit-bearing programs would the new Division of Undergraduate Education utilize and will these require separation from the jurisdiction of other colleges?
- Will there be a negative impact on CHASS and other colleges?
- How will centralizing undergraduate education impact the undergraduate offices within specific colleges?
- While funds are not required for physical space, where will the money come from to pay for the presumed requirement for an increase in administrative and staff hires?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Declan McCole".

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