



## Academic Senate

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

March 9, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stefano Vidussi".

**RE: Campus Safety Taskforce Report and Recommendations**

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the Campus Safety Taskforce Report and Recommendations at their March 5, 2021 meeting and was not supportive of the report as it does not provide a clear roadmap for a path forward. The Committee agrees that there are many deficiencies in law enforcement at UCR, which are heightened for students of color and other vulnerable groups, and which negatively impact the quality of education at UCR. The Committee notes concern that the report does not discuss an alternative to the current practices of law enforcement nor does it include a discussion of steps to improve current policies and practices. In particular, several members noted that there was no mention of the possibility that UCPD officers could be mandated to not carry firearms or other lethal weapons during routine operations (with procedures and exceptions similar to those followed by police forces in the UK and other countries). Also, the Report contains a number of recommendations of difficult or problematic implementation, such as the opening of the UCPD staff to “public review”, which without clear guidelines could be considered a fishing expedition. The Committee recommends that the report be updated to include clear benchmarks for success and an action plan that would improve the campus climate with stronger evidence-based strategies to form a framework to work from. The Committee was concerned that only specific colleges and schools were tasked in the report with roles to review law enforcement policy on campus. The Committee recommends that in the spirit of shared governance, faculty from across the colleges and schools have an equal role in reviewing law enforcement policies. Members also recommended the need to guarantee a safe campus environment, especially in regard to the fact that some classes end in the evening.