

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

March 2, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Richard Seto, Chair   
Committee on Committees

Re: **[Campus Review] Report Review: Campus Safety Task Force  
Draft report & Recommendations**

The Committee on Committees (CoC) writes with concern about the Campus Safety Task Force, and the ways in which the makeup of the taskforce highlight ongoing structural issues in the relationship between the CoC and the campus administration. The CoC does not have comments on the report content itself at this time.

CoC was asked by the administration to submit names for the task force, but the final slate of task force names contained only 1 name nominated by the CoC. Some campus members expressed the mistaken impression that the CoC had populated most of the committee membership. Senate members raised concerns about the failure of the task force to include senate members with research expertise on public safety reform, and the policing of BIPOC communities. These concerns reflected negatively on the CoC, even though the CoC had an insignificant role in the committee's membership. Indeed, CoC had suggested several names of faculty members with expertise related to the question of reforming campus safety, and implementing alternate models centered on community justice.

This raised an important question about the role of CoC in populating administrative committees (as opposed to Senate committees). We are concerned that Senate members, campus stakeholders, and the community at large might see the CoC as approving the overall slate of committee members and the mission of the committee itself, where our role is much more limited, and in this case sharply limited.

We believe a fuller process of consultation between the administration and CoC, and greater transparency for the campus in the process of ad hoc task force formations, would enhance shared governance at UCR.