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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 the Campus Safety Task Force Report & Recommendations

Dear Jason,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee is grateful to the task force for their work on this important issue. Efforts to increase transparency and community trust in UCR campus safety personnel and procedures are both welcome and vital. Having an ongoing and long term oversight and advising input from diverse interest groups on campus will be key to advertising and building a broad base of understanding and trust in campus safety. The FEC discussed the need to retain UCPD rather than rely on city police as UCPD can be better regulated by campus oversight. There is a clear need better training in dealing with mental health incidents, and responses to such incidents could potentially include 'ride-alongs' with individuals who have psychiatric training. There is a need for more interactions with students on a less confrontational level so as to better build trust. Improved training should also place emphasis on discussion, understanding, and de-escalation skills.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Declan F. McCole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Declan F. McCole, Ph.D.
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee
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