

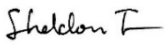


Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

March 2, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Sheldon Tan, Chair 
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions

RE: Campus Safety Task Force Report

The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions reviewed the Campus Safety Task Force Report at their February 19, 2021 meeting. In the purview of the committee, the committee considers it is important to have a safe environment for all the students so that they can attend school and graduate safely. At the same time, the committee thinks that inequitable policing is also a major concern for students.

Some members think the report is a good start to address the campus safety issues including the renaming of "Campus Police" to "Campus Safety", the need for more training for police officers (police brutality is both cultural and institutional), more training on how to deal with mental health issues and the integration of safety activity with campus programs.

The question was raised as to whether or not we are safe without police and the answers were split among members. Some members pointed out that we still need the police for protection from outside criminal activities and see the vital needs for police on campus. While other members expressed their concerns for the report and believe the UCR administration has not taken the student demands seriously, especially the safety concerns of African American students. Another member supports the complete de-funding and disbanding of the UCR police department and is in favor of shifting the funding for police to other areas.