



Academic Senate

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To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Alejandra Dubcovsky, Chair
Committee on Library and Information Technology

RE: Campus Review: Draft Strategic Plan

The committee discussed the report at length. There were many concerns. First, the report seemed less like a strategic plan and more like a "value statement." It was an oddly decontextualized document missing critical data about UCR's baseline: where UCR was moving from and where it was moving to. Second, the stakeholders seem entirely absent from this document. Third and specifically relating to the LIT committee, we discussed how this very aspirational document made no mention of the Library or ITS. This was shocking and deeply saddening. As we have been teaching remotely and relying extensively on the work and resources of the Library, ITS, and XCITE, it was very troubling to imagine a "future fluent" in which these pillars of our university would not even be mentioned. The report emphasizes UCR's transformative research. This research is not possible without the Library or ITS. In short, there was no sense how all the "good" the document hoped to promote was going to be executed.