COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

March 6, 2023

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Ivy Zhang, Chair
Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: Proposed Presidential Policy for Anti-Discrimination

The Committee on Academic Freedom reviewed the proposed Presidential policy for anti-discrimination and found that academic freedom is given significant consideration in the proposed policy. The Committee noted concern regarding Section V. Procedures as while academic freedom is specifically considered in the process of formal investigation, it was not explicitly discussed for the initial assessment. Given the significance of academic freedom in potential cases related to faculty members, the Committee recommends that relevant academic experts be consulted in the process of initial assessment to evaluate whether protection of academic freedom should be involved.