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TO: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair  
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM: Wesley Leonard, Chair  
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Proposal: Proposed Academic Senate Statement on UC Quality

The CHASS Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the Proposal: Proposed Academic Senate Statement on UC Quality. The committee agrees with the proposal’s tenets about quality education, but wishes to call more attention to the resources that are essential toward this end.

The proposal correctly notes that “[t]he quality of a UC education fundamentally derives from three key components: the training and expertise of UC faculty, the ability and engagement of UC students, and the rich research-based environment central to the UC system.” To realize these components, we believe that the creation of more Senate faculty jobs is indispensable. An increase in full-time faculty lines would provide fairer compensation and more time for teaching, which would improve the University’s quality of pedagogy.