



Academic Senate

GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 13, 2026

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Viji Santhakumar, Chair
Graduate Council

RE: [Campus Review] (Proposed Revised Policy) 2nd Review - Federally required changes to the Policy and Procedures for Responding To Allegations of Research Misconduct, Policy #529-900

Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the Proposed Revised Policy to Federally required changes to the Policy and Procedures for Responding To Allegations of Research Misconduct, Policy #529-900. The Council would like to see the text be reworded to include the underlying principles and reasoning for reducing the number of Academic Senate faculty by stating that while the default membership will be from Academic Senate, non-Senate membership will be considered only for Respondents and/or Complainants who are not faculty and may require a representative from their group and/or union as the number of UCR faculty with expertise in a specific area is finite and therefore external subject matter experts may be needed; and/or multiple institutions may be involved in an investigation.