

November 26th, 2025

TO: Kenneth N. Barish, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Harry Tom, Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and  
Agricultural Sciences

SUBJECT: [Campus Review] Report Review: Drafts of UCR's WASC Self-Study and Institutional Report for  
Reaffirmation

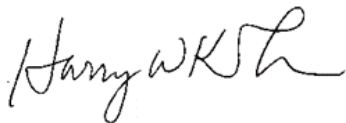
Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the Draft of UCR's WASC Self-Study and  
Institutional Report for Reaffirmation at their November 25th meeting and had comments to provide to  
the Senate.

The committee would like to bring up a concern for links referenced within the documentation that are  
meant to lead the reviewer to current, updated, webpage content, but the content is lacking and  
outdated. There is a concern that if this is provided to WASC reviewers, that this could be a big red flag  
and they need to be addressed.

The committee would also like to ask that, for WASC reviews, there be more clarity about the process  
and how departments should prepare for the review. There is a concern that with prior reviews,  
responses for the review were not relayed to the departments. In addition to the overall report, some  
form of discipline-specific analysis might allow departments to know if their improvements were  
acknowledged and effective in meeting WASC goals, and what departments might do differently in the  
next review period, or whether any action is necessary at all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry Tom".

Harry Tom, Ph.D

Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences