



Academic Senate

October 30, 2025

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Joseph Genereux, Chair
Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications

Re: 25-26. CR. Proposed Degree Program: Flex Master of Public Policy (Flex MPP-SSGPDP)

The committee was concerned that the degree proposal states, “We do not anticipate any additional costs for library, computing, equipment, space, or facilities to emerge from adding this Flex MPP program.” This trivializes the contribution that library infrastructure and staff provide to UCR’s pedagogical mission. Inevitably, faculty will be using library resources including access to scholarly publications at all stages of course design and implementation. Students will also access scholarly publications and will likely need training from library staff on how to access and properly use scholarly tools such as databases or GeoSIS. While the proposed program may not require acquisition of specific new resources or new hiring at this time, it will use existing resources and FTEs and that should be explicitly acknowledged.