



October 13th, 2025

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

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

SUBJECT: [Systemwide Review] (Report Review) Interim report of the Academic Senate Task Force on UC Adaptation to Disruptions (UCAD)

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee reviewed the report at their October 7th meeting and had comments to provide to the Senate.

Under recommendations to expand sources of funding, the FEC recommends that UC review its policies for collaboration and receiving funding with industry. Current policies are restrictive in regards to intellectual property and many faculty report long delays (up to 9 months on a 12 month contract) in getting the agreements approved. These delays undermine UCR faculty credibility in collaborating with industry and prevent faculty from expanding their source of funding toward industry. Campus approval would be easier if the UC policies were clear as to what flexibility is allowed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Tom".

Harry Tom, Ph.D

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