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To: Steven W. Cheung, Chair of the Assembly of the Academic Senate
and Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of the UCR Academic Senate

From: Kinnari Atit, Ph.D., Faculty Chair of the School of Education Executive Committee

Subject: Comments from the SOE Executive Committee on UCAD Interim Report and Recommendations

The SOE Executive Committee reviewed the UCAD Interim Report and Recommendations. Comments/feedback were solicited at our executive committee meeting and via email and are summarized below.

- What is the source of funding for research projects that experience disruption yet are sustained by UC?
- Page 9: why is "faculty governance" used as a term rather than "shared governance"?
- I do think that bridge funding for unexpected cancellations of federal research dollars is needed. Not necessarily funds to keep the project running in its entirety 'as is' but more so funds to address covering payrolls for an adequate amount of time of research team members to make different arrangements for their employment. This could also give projects an opportunity to find a way to wrap up the work that has been completed. I also think that the university needs to recognize the impact the situation will have on new assistant professors and work with units to bolster start up packages to assist with providing resources.
- When it comes to teaching, one thing that I did not see mentioned at all was much about the negative use of technology. High schools around the country are putting cell phone bans in place. The initial data is showing positive outcomes with many students showing appreciation of this despite some initial apprehension. Has anybody thought about the negative consequence of cell phone use on college course instruction?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kinnari Atit', followed by a stylized flourish.

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