

November 21st, 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] Proposal: Proposed Presidential Policy on Responding to Allegations of  
Research Misconduct (UC Research Misconduct Policy)

Prof. Barish,

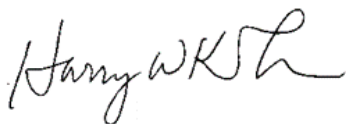
The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal for the presidential policy on responding to research misconduct at their November 18th meeting and had comments to provide to the Senate.

The committee does not object to moving forward with the proposed policy. However, the committee would like to request that the following resources, included in section VI. Related Information/Resources of the proposed policy, be removed from the final policy completely:

- Executive Order, Restoring Gold Standard Science (May 23, 2025)
- OSTP, Agency Guidance for Implementing Gold Standard Science in the Conduct & Management of Scientific Activities (Jun. 23, 2025)

The committee does not agree with the content of these documents and does not agree with the outlined "Gold Standard" within the communications. As executive orders can be changed, the committee does not feel that this should be taken into consideration in the development of this policy and should not be referenced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harry Tom".

Harry Tom, Ph.D

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