



Academic Senate

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To: Kenneth Barish, Chair
Riverside Division

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

Re: 25-26. SR. Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy IMT-1300 Information Technology Accessibility

The committee endorses efforts to extend accessibility of instructional materials. We are glad that Student Disability Resource Center is working closely with the libraries but do believe that it would be valuable for this revision to explicitly require that students with disabilities be included on Location advisory committees to ensure that implementation matches *our* students' perception of needs in addition to formal compliance. We also anticipate that faculty and other stakeholders will be concerned about the efforts required to make their own materials compliant, and hope that XCITE will be properly prepared to provide the necessary support.

Finally, even though we recognize that accessibility is important and must be central to the library's mission, unfunded mandates place stress on library resources. The success of this initiative will in part depend on the resources that UCOP and UCR dedicate to support faculty and relevant academic units, including the libraries. Their current success at doing more with less should not be seen as a guarantee that they can continue to do so.