



COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

June 10, 2026

To: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Quinn McFrederick, Chair
Committee on Academic Freedom

Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Revised Presidential Policy – Systemwide Policies Applying to the University of California Police Department (UCPD)

The Committee on Academic Freedom (CAF) reviewed the proposed revisions to Systemwide Policies Applying to the University of California Police Department (UCPD) at their June 4, 2026, meeting. Overall, the CAF encourages the prioritization of forms of de-escalation shaped by conversation and collaboration with faculty, rather than privileging policing.

The Committee recommends the following changes:

Remove “anarchists” from policy 1316.7 and remove “Anarchist: A person who uses unlawful, violent means to cause disorder or upheaval” from policy 1316.23. The Committee finds the identification of "anarchists" in these policies profoundly misleading and the definition wrong (why not, for example, include Nazis or fascists?). These policy references to anarchists risk labelling vociferous demonstrators as "unlawful, violent" by nature. The Committee requests that these mentions be removed.

The Committee also recommends changes to policy 1316.7, which, under "Crowd Behaviors," lists "Violations of student conduct" in "Violations of student conduct/civil disobedience." The Committee recommends that mentions of student conduct be removed from the policy as, in previous investigations of excessive force incidents generated by poor crowd control, it has been found that confusion is generated when UCPD officers are made to enforce student conduct policy. The primary duty of UCPD is the enforcement of law, not student conduct policy. The Reynoso Task Force, "UC Davis November 18, 2011 'Pepper Spray Incident' Task Force Report" (March 2012) provides greater context for this.