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TO: Ken Barish, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM: Iván Aguirre, Interim Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Bylaw Change: Proposed Changes to the Charge of the Committee on Faculty
Research Lecturer (Bylaws 8.13, 8.13.1, 8.13.2)

The CHASS Executive Committee reviewed the proposal for changes to the Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer (FRL) and in general agree with these changes as they bring more representation to the Committee and more support for the important and relevant research and activities of our colleagues. We discussed how the benefits of expanding potential award recipient status beyond senior faculty would greatly impact the campus community, and outweigh potential costs related to application review labor, lecture, marketing, etc. We understand this labor increase and as such greatly support the expansion of the committee to allow this growth while not loading extra labor on a small group. Ultimately, we find supporting research and creative activities in this way can positively impact the university by attracting donors, foment community engagement and in general bring more attention to campus and the academic work produced at UCR. We want to underline the impact of these changes from a public relations angle, signaling how this recognition of UCR faculty and the level of impact of their work can be recognized by the Senate, which we can see can have a profound impact in our current social and political climate where higher education is more important than ever.

We encourage the proposers to consider the feedback from the Committee on the FRL to include “creative activities” as a category to recognize, and to search for ways to continue incorporating past awardees while also seeking representation from the faculty across campus.