



April 23, 2026

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] Report Review: Draft Report of the UC Tribal Lands Workgroup

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee reviewed the draft report of the UC Tribal Lands Workgroup at the April 14th meeting and has comments to provide.

The committee feels that this report is a good first step in the direction of providing general guidelines to the campus outlining our responsibilities of co-stewardship with Tribal partners of the land that research is being conducted on, but there is a call for more guidance, specific to UCR, on the policies and procedures researchers need to be aware of and steps to navigate through these processes.

The committee recognizes that there is a Tribal engagement officer on campus, as well as a reserves manager that manages access and research happening at the UC Reserves, but would like to see more facilitation through this process at the campus level and dissemination of information on a broader scale to researchers.

There were also comments from the committee that they would like to see UCR establish deeper and more meaningful relationships between the university and Tribal partners moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Harry Tom'.

Harry Tom, Ph.D  
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences