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TO: Kenneth N. Barish, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Harry Tom, Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

SUBJECT: [Campus Review] Proposal: Priority Registration for Timely Completion of Student Evaluations of Teaching

Prof. Barish,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal to provide priority registration to students that complete student evaluations at the January 20th meeting and had comments to provide to the Senate.

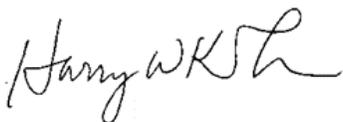
The committee feels that altering the process for priority registration selection, to incorporate preferential treatment to students who complete their course evaluations, is a disservice to the students who are actually in need of priority registration to complete their degrees in a timely manner.

The committee feels that the proposed changes will be costly, will take a lot of time and effort to implement, and will likely produce similar results to previous changes made to this process, where less students complete their evaluation forms.

There was also concern that the proposed process sounds like we're trying to bribe students into completing these evaluations, promising priority enrollment, that is only one day earlier, or less, than the enrollment timeslot they would have had. With this limited "benefit" students will likely feel, the next quarter, that this process is not worth their time to complete.

The committee does not support this proposal and would ask that the campus instead consider investing time and resources into creating a more informative evaluation system, similar to the old process, where students are able to provide feedback to open ended questions, instead of prompts-based questions, which do not help faculty to learn, from students, where improvements can be made to their course and teaching.

Sincerely,



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