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TO: Ken Barish, PhD, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Adam Godzik, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine

SUBJECT: **[Systemwide Review] Proposed Regulations: *Proposed Accreditation Regulations***

Dear Ken,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee has review the proposed regulations and have the following concerns:

It essentially describes a system where accreditation would not be a peer-review quality control, but would evolve is some hybrid system where market forces and government oversight would play an increasing role. The main point:

- Professional societies, such as AAMC and AMA would be completely separated from the accreditation process;
- Medical education quality may be now defined by multiple bodies, including people and organizations not involved in medicine
- Accreditors would be competing based on the price and would not be required to include experts in the field, just loosely defined “competent and knowledgeable” people
- Accreditors would be required to consider program outcomes and economic return in their considerations
- Accreditors would assess whether the institution protects “academic freedom”. “Free speech” and “intellectual diversity” without defining it. As we know these concepts have been interpreted very strangely these days.

Yours sincerely,

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