



May 27, 2026

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 Revised Policy: *Systemwide Policies Applying to University of California Police Department (UCPD)***


Dear Ken,

In response to the **Proposed Revised Policy: *Systemwide Policies Applying to University of California Police Department (UCPD)*** SOM FEC expressed growing concern about the trend of militarizing the campus police force. While we are strongly supporting the campus police and appreciate their effort to keep our campus secure, it is not clear how the options to purchase .50 cal machine guns, armored vehicles and other offensive military equipment are consistent with their mandate. While this revised policy doesn't directly support acquirement of such equipment, it seems to open a path to such purchases.

Therefore, SOM FEC emphasizes that, to safeguard the trust between faculty, students, and campus safety personnel, the final policy must close any regulatory loopholes that could inadvertently permit or normalize the acquisition of offensive military hardware.

Yours sincerely,

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