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VICE PRESIDENT BARBARA ALLEN-DIAZ

**Re: Senate participation in ANR governing bodies**

Dear Barbara:

At its meeting today, the Academic Council endorsed the attached request of its Special Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (ACSCANR) that Senate representatives be added to the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Program Council and additional specified standing and ad hoc bodies. I believe that the the Division and the University will be well served by the increased collaboration between the Division and the Senate that this initiative will enable. I join ACSCANR chair Mary Gauvain in urging that you extend an invitation to the Senate to name participants as early as possible in the new year, so that we may link the appropriate Senate standing committees to the Division in this academic year.

Please feel free to contact me or Professor Gauvain if you have any questions about this request. In the meanwhile, thank you for your constructive engagement with ACSCANR. I look forward to a closer working relationship between the Senate and the Division over the coming months.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert M. Anderson.

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Cc: Provost Pitts  
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**ROBERT ANDERSON, CHAIR  
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**Re: Request to VP Allen-Diaz for Senate representation in ANR governance**

Dear Bob,

The Academic Senate's Special Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources (ACSCANR) met on October 31, 2011 at the Office of the President. All committee members were present either in person or by phone. During the morning session, the Committee discussed issues pertaining to ANR on the campuses and at UC systemwide. In the afternoon, Vice President for ANR Barbara Allen-Diaz, UC Provost and EVP Pitts, and two individuals from VP Allen-Diaz's staff (Assistant Director-Cooperative Extension and Associate Director-Research and Extension Center System Bill Frost and Associate Budget Director Jennifer Bunge) attended the meeting.

A good portion of our discussion with the Administration centered on shared governance and how to institute formal involvement of the Senate in the ANR decision making processes. We discussed formal appointment, through UCOC or the Senate's standing committees, of Senate members in the following ANR activities:

1. *Representation on the ANR Program Council.* The ANR Program Council comprises 12 members from the UC ANR administration, including Associate Director Frost, the four Associate Deans from the 3 AES campuses, 5 ANR Strategic Initiative leaders, and two ANR county-based advisors. There are also 3 *ex-officio* members (2 ANR senior staff members and the Associate Dean for Extension, School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis). This Council meets monthly for two days and coordinates Division-wide planning and delivery of programs and develops recommendations for the allocation of Division resources. ACSCANR requests that two members from the Committee participate as voting members of the ANR Program Council. Both VP Allen-Diaz and Provost Pitts expressed support for this arrangement, and they suggested that the Senate makes a formal request.
2. *Representation on other ANR Committees.* ACSCANR would like the Senate to be represented as voting members on other ANR committees, including:

- a. Searches for the VP of ANR and other senior ANR administrators (ACSCANR member to be determined)
  - b. ANR Research Proposal Review Committees for competitive grants (a member of UCORP)
  - c. Steering committees for ANR Strategy Planning and Strategic Planning Revision (a member of UCPB)
3. *Right to review and comment:* ACSCANR would also like the Senate to have the right to review and comment formally on the following:
- a. Search plans for Senior ANR administrative positions
  - b. Calls for ANR Research Proposals sent to the faculty
  - c. Any reports/changes in policies that impact Senate members, including formal consultation of standing Academic Senate committees and other bodies on ANR reports or proposed policies or policy changes
  - d. Contract arrangements with non-UC clientele regarding research funds directed to UC for ANR purposes
  - e. Changes in the use of endowment income when the income is being utilized to support academic departmental programs on UC campuses

We would like your assistance in making a formal request to the Administration to establish these roles and practices so as to enhance shared governance in ANR at the University of California. Given the many ANR issues that would benefit from improved shared governance, we request that Senate involvement, as described above, commence immediately, with individuals appointed to committees and Senate engagement in the other described activities beginning in January of 2012.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Gauvain, Chair of ACSCANR  
Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Senate, Riverside Division