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**MICHAEL DRAKE, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Re: UC Community Safety Training Program

Dear President Drake:

Thank you for the opportunity to have the Academic Council offer input on the development of a systemwide program to orient campus safety personnel to the UC community and culture. During the 2022-23 academic year, the University Committee on Faculty Welfare (UCFW) connected with Professor Emerita Carroll Seron from UCI to draft an initial framework that outlines key components related to program implementation.

The Senate recognizes the importance of this work and holds to the premise that for this training program to be successful, the design of such a community-based project and the workshop curriculum itself must both be inductively developed by a working group of faculty, students, staff, and police officers. The draft framework has since been circulated among UCFW members and is still in process of being further shaped.

With the timing of Jody Stiger's appointment as UC's first systemwide Director of Community Safety, it seemed premature to make recommendations without availing the committee of his expertise while they progress through developing a final set of recommendations for Academic Council. It is our intention is to invite Director Stiger to Senate committee meetings this fall to continue the conversation we initiated when he started in his new role and met with then-Senate Chair Robert Horwitz and me.

The Senate is committed to contributing UC faculty expertise to this effort and will engage UCFW and the Academic Council as soon as they begin meeting again to finalize and share with you our recommendations.

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Susan Cochran, Chair
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