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**SYSTEM-WIDE SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
DIVISIONAL SENATE CHAIRS**

**RE: System-wide Review of the [Recommendations from the Joint Academic Senate and UCOP Workgroup on Recycling Multi-campus Research Units \(MRS\) Funds](#)**

Dear System-wide Senate Committee and Divisional Senate Chairs:

On behalf of Chair Oakley, the above document is being forwarded for your review and comments. As background information, this joint Senate/UCOP workgroup met during 2005-06 to develop recommendations on the definition of and funding for MRUs, with a focus on maximizing UC investment and enhancing the competitiveness of MRU research. At its July 26, 2006 meeting, the Academic Council endorsed that this report be sent out for system-wide review.

The Academic Council would like to finalize its position with respect to the report by December 2006. In order to do so, we would very much appreciate receiving responses by the date listed below:

For **System-wide Senate Committees** please submit responses by: **November 16, 2006**  
For **Divisions** please submit responses by: **December 7, 2006**

As a reminder to System-wide Senate Committee Chairs, please note two points regarding the practice the Academic Council has established for general reviews:

1. **Request for comments are sent out to all System-wide Committees. Each committee may decide whether or not to opine.** Please notify the Senate Office either directly by emailing me or through your Committee Analyst, if your committee chooses not to participate in this review.
2. **The Committee response due date is typically set a month before that of Divisions.** This two-stage review allows the Academic Council to conduct both a preliminary and a final discussion of the matter at hand. It also gives the Divisions the benefit of the committees' considerations for their own deliberations.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "María Bertero-Barceló".

María Bertero-Barceló, Executive Director  
Academic Senate

Encl: [http://www.ucop.edu/research/meetings/mru\\_joint\\_workgroup.html](http://www.ucop.edu/research/meetings/mru_joint_workgroup.html)

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