

Council on Research

Library Access for Research

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Dear Council on Research and Academic Senate Executive Board:

Thank you for your letters, which I received February 26, 2021, regarding UCLA library access for research. You raise very important issues, pertinent to our ability to achieve our mission during these still unprecedented times. I acknowledge the frustrations and difficulty that the pandemic has introduced for faculty and students who rely on library access for their livelihood.

I understand that the Council on Research has had limited interactions with University Librarian Virginia Steel and has not included her in the list of recipients of COR correspondence about the library. Please work directly with UL Steel and the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication to address your concerns. They are best situated to address the specific issues you raise and to help you all understand the evolving plans, constraints and opportunities related to enhancing access to the libraries.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of our faculty, our students and our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Emily A. Carter".

Emily A. Carter
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost
Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

cc: Emily Rose, Assistant Provost and Chief of Staff to the EVCP
Virginia Steel, Norman and Armena Powell University Librarian
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February 26, 2021

Emily Carter
UCLA Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Re: UCLA Library Access for Research: Recommendations

Dear Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Carter,

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am writing about resources and access to the UCLA Library for research.

The Academic Senate recognizes and appreciates the innovative service that the Library has provided to students and faculty throughout the pandemic. We acknowledge the recent and on-going initiatives to make materials available digitally and via pick-up or delivery. However, there is more work to be done to improve scholars' access to research materials at the Library. It is important that adequate resources be utilized so that the Library can more effectively serve learners and scholars going forward as our scholarly activities ramp up to pre-pandemic level and beyond.

At its meeting on February 18, 2021, the Executive Board unanimously endorsed the attached letter from the Council on Research. Members believe the campus will benefit from the allocation of additional resources to the Library to increase its ability to support research activities.

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to opine on the crucial issues facing the campus and look forward to working with you to address them.

Sincerely,



Shane White
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

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