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Dear Ms. Miller:

We are writing as members of this year's Executive Board of the Riverside Division of the Librarians Association of the University of California (LAUC-R). The "Presidential Statement on the Status of the Librarians Association of the University of California" states that the Librarians Association "shall advise the Office of the President, campus administration, and library administration on the operations and policies of the libraries..." (APM 360, Appendix b.3). It is in that spirit that we write you about the Library Planning Task Force Interim Report.

Four members of the Riverside Executive Board wrote these comments. Those members are the current and past Chairs, the Chair-Elect, and the Secretary. Our responses may not reflect the views of the entire membership of LAUC-R.

We support a System-wide collaboration and shared services. We support CoUL's continuation of governance and oversight of shared library services.

We recommend that before budgets are cut or reallocated consideration be given to the needs, resources, assets, and finances of the individual campus libraries.

We recognize that operation decisions sometimes are made at high administrative levels only. Our concern is that those solutions may not be efficacious for faculty and students. LAUC members are in a strong position to comment on solutions because we work directly with our campus communities. Therefore, we recommend that LAUC's advisory role be included throughout all phases of planning and implementation of System-wide shared library services.

We urge that the new System-wide organizational structure fit into the current organization as much as possible. We further urge that our current skilled and experienced personnel be reassigned to fill positions as needed.

We agree with the report's emphasis on preservation and access. We support the evolution of Technical Services as an integral part of Collections. This is the direction at UCR.

We look forward to working with you to plan implementation of the proposed strategies.

Respectfully,
Manuel Urrizola, LAUC-R Chair
Patricia Smith-Hunt, LAUC-R Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Ken Furuta, LAUC-R Past Chair
Norma Juarez, LAUC-R Secretary