Associated Students of UC Irvine: Recommendations to the UC Irvine Strategic Plan

PILLAR 1: GROWTH THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Goal 1.1: Expand the number and impact of UCI faculty
- The students recommend a language that assures the university will maintain and improve upon UCI’s current Faculty-to-Student Ratio.

Goal 1.4: Create opportunities and infrastructures for convergence science
- The Students Recommend that the Goal 1.4 expands beyond STEM areas and includes other interdisciplinary areas.

Goal 1.6: Make pervasive the impact of art, culture, creative expression, and humanistic inquiry on our broader research and educational mission
- Instead of this clause, students recommend a more general clause with the following statement: “Grow pre-existing arts engagement initiatives and build upon new initiatives to more prominently spread UCI arts events and performances across campus and throughout the region.”

PILLAR 2: FIRST IN CLASS

Goal 2.1: Expand the student body and make UCI a first-choice campus for students
- Students recommend that a clause be added to measure students’ year-by-year retention rates as a means of assessing students’ success, as well as steps needed to improve the retention rates.

Goal 2.2: Foster excellence in teaching and learning
- Students recommend expansion of positions for LSOEs in order to better foster the students’ learning experience.
- Students recommend that all of the academic advising units are to be assessed on a regular basis to assure quality practices.

Goal 2.3: Utilize modern technological tools to create the most effective learning environments
- Students endorse the expansion of online programs and course offerings on the condition that the security of faculty employment is ensured, and that the current quality of education is maintained or improved upon.
Goal 2.4: Integrate student life with educational experiences

- Students recommend that the undergraduate research be continuously encouraged and increased through expansion of programs such as Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.
- Students encourage the school to explore new avenues with regards to Athletics, such as the consideration of e-sports (Professional video gaming).
- Students highly endorse the university’s plan to expand the DECADE Program
- Students recommend a that a language be developed to include a freshman seminar class at each of the Academic Units on campus, modeled after the School of Biological Sciences’ Freshman Seminar class.

Goal 2.6: Build on the success of UCI’s Campuswide Honors Program by developing a new Honors College

- Students recommend that CHP is maintained as a program, but that the provision to create the Honors college is taken out of the university’s Strategic plan.

**PILLAR 4: NEW PATHS FOR OUR BRILLIANT FUTURE**

Goal 4.4: Expand, build, and maintain an excellent physical infrastructure

- Students highly recommend that this clause be amended to highlight a pathway of shared governance for parking that would have representation from faculty and staff. Students would also recommend a language that would include student representation in this governing structure.