

## **Office of the President**

### **TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

*For Meeting of September 13, 2017*

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND IMPACTS, RIVERSIDE CAMPUS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Widely recognized as one of the most ethnically diverse research universities in the nation, UC Riverside currently hosts about 23,000 students, with 1,100 instructional and clinical faculty. As the only public research university in Inland Southern California, Riverside's mission for community engagement is to foster a campus culture promoting high-impact community partnerships that are mutually beneficial, innovative, collaborative, and accessible to the diverse communities UCR serves. Integral to UCR's mission of teaching, research, and public service, community engagement applies the campus's scholarly assets to matters affecting quality of life, including education, economic and community development, athletics, arts and culture, and the environment.

Chancellor Wilcox, along with other campus and community leaders, will provide an overview of the activities arising from the campus' engagement in the Riverside and broader Inland Southern California communities. The presentation will focus on several specific programs that represent the unique growth and development opportunities in Inland Southern California.

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Regional Economic Development***

##### **Partnership with the California Air Resources Board**

In 2016 the California Air Resources Board voted to relocate its motor vehicle and engine emissions testing and research facility from El Monte to an 18-acre site at the University of California, Riverside, which represents a \$366 million investment into the community and 400 knowledge-based jobs in Inland Southern California. The Board chose Riverside after deciding that land owned by the University would provide the best opportunity for growth in the coming decades and for collaboration with world-class air quality research already underway at UC Riverside. The decision in Sacramento came after a months-long, joint effort by UCR, the city of Riverside, Riverside County, and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce to demonstrate the advantages of locating the facility in Riverside.

### Entrepreneurial Proof of Concept and Innovation Center

The Entrepreneurial Proof of Concept and Innovation Center, or Riverside EPIC, provides resources for training, mentors, and connections to investors and partners. EPIC involves numerous community partnerships; its programming and facilities are available to UCR students and faculty, and entrepreneurs outside of campus. The primary sponsor is the Riverside County Economic Development Agency. Other partners include the cities of Corona, Murrieta, Riverside, Temecula, and Palm Desert, the Temecula Valley Entrepreneur Exchange, InSoCal Connect, the Murrieta Innovation Center, and Excite. While elements of EPIC have been in place at UCR for some time, the new incarnation adds entrepreneurial classes, a broad-scale mentorship program, training, access to potential investors and funds for “proof-of-concept,” and resources for growth.

### ***Regional Educational Development***

#### Riverside County Education Collaborative

The Riverside County Education Collaborative (RCEC) is an innovative partnership in the Inland Empire that was formed in July 2014 in response to the White House request to help more students prepare for and graduate from college. RCEC is a grassroots movement in southern California with diverse cross-sector leadership throughout the Riverside/San Bernardino County areas. With members representing area school districts, higher education, city/county officials, and private industry, RCEC collectively commits to goals geared to increase postsecondary access and attainment in the community.

#### Growing Inland Achievement

Formed by California State University San Bernardino and UC Riverside, Growing Inland Achievement is a bi-county K-20 collaborative with the specific programmatic, policy, and institutional goals of systematically addressing college readiness and ultimately increasing baccalaureate degree attainment in the region, particularly among underrepresented groups. Across San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, educational leaders come together to create a cradle-to-career collective impact model to align the work being done to address the unique needs of the student populations each institution serves.

### ***Regional Health Care***

#### San Bernardino Free Clinic

The San Bernardino Free Clinic is a partnership among UC Riverside medical students, the Lestonnac Free Clinic organization, and the UC Riverside chapter of Global Medical Brigades. This full-service primary care clinic serves underserved patients with continuity-of-care and educational information provided by nurse practitioners, undergraduate students, and community groups, medical practitioners and medical students supervised by faculty of the UCR School of Medicine. The concept of the San Bernardino Free Clinic, which opened its doors in 2015, emerged when a group of students approached the School of Medicine seeking to expand

medical care to the underserved population of San Bernardino. The clinic offers a variety of health screenings (blood pressure, diabetes, hearing, mental health, and body mass index), flu and pneumonia vaccinations, and acute medical care. Additionally, health and wellness educational information is provided along with access to various resources in San Bernardino, such as homeless shelters, nutritionists, and social workers. Long-term plans include providing dentistry, vision care, and legal services.

**Key to Acronyms**

EPIC	Entrepreneurial Proof of Concept and Innovation Center
RCEC	Riverside County Education Collaborative