

October 1, 2020

Gregg Goldman
Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer

Susan Ettner
Interim Dean of Graduate Education

Re: Committee on International Education Letter on Non-Residential Supplemental Tuition Waiver

Dear Vice Chancellor Goldman and Interim Dean Ettner,

The Committee on International Education (CIE) of the UCLA Academic Senate sent a “Letter of Demand: Extension to Graduate Waiver of Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition” to you, and to me, dated September 22, 2020. The CIE letter stated:

“To mitigate some of the financial concerns and challenges, the Committee supports the letter of demand from the graduate students and additionally, recommends the following considerations:


1. An NRST waiver of at least one year until normal operations and research are no longer disrupted by the pandemic and travel restrictions for all international students regardless of whether they have advanced to candidacy.
2. For international students who have advanced to candidacy and are on a leave of absence due to COVID-19, the Committee recommends that the leave of absence is not counted against the three-year NRST reduction period.
3. The Committee also urges the administration to put pressure on UCOP to address this issue at the system level, including providing additional resources to the campuses to ameliorate this crisis.”

At its meeting on October 1, 2020, the Executive Board reviewed the CIE letter. In matters other than legislation, the Executive Board usually acts for the UCLA Division of the Academic Senate. After discussion, the members decided to send a letter to you regarding the CIE letter, described above.

Regarding point 1, above, the Executive Board members recommended a one-year extension of the post-advancement to candidacy (ATC) Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) waiver due to the ongoing pandemic. However, we ask for clarification as to the fiscal impact and the location of funding sources to cover lost NRST. Without a systemwide response, and an unknown duration of the pandemic, an open-ended commitment appears imprudent.

Executive Board members agreed with point 2, above; it is only reasonable to not count approved leaves of absence due to COVID-19 to the three-year NRST reduction period. Lastly, members agreed that point 3 above is best addressed at a systemwide level.

Sincerely,

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Shane N White
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Cc: Jody Kreiman, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
Michael Meranze, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate
Andrea Goldman, Chair, Committee on International Education (CIE)