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Professor Shane N. White
Chair, Academic Senate

Dear Shane:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Academic Senate Executive Board's review of the *UCLA Delegation of Authority: Interim Suspension of Health Sciences Faculty Member with Clinical Duties*. We all agree that the Heaps and other SVSH cases were unacceptable. *The UCLA Health and Student Health Special Committee Report* highlighted gaps in our systems and processes that we must address to ensure that patients are protected.

I have carefully considered the Executive Board's findings. While I appreciate the Board's position that a standard for suspension exists, I believe that it is in the university's best interest and for the protection of patients that I exercise the Delegation of Authority. This delegation is limited to faculty members in the UCLA Health professional schools who provide or supervise the provision of routine or experimental health care services to patients at any UCLA or UCLA affiliate hospital, clinic, or other facilities, or who have teaching responsibilities in any health professional training program or clinical trial supported by UCLA.

This action directly responds to the Special Committee's recommendation for "*a clear delegation of authority to the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences (or equivalent senior Health enterprise officer) to place a physician faculty member on immediate investigatory leave.*"

I will continue to work closely with Health leadership to ensure that execution of this authority is in consultation with the Vice Chancellor, Academic Personnel, and strives to make patient safety and a safe learning and workplace environment the top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gene D. Block".

Gene D. Block
Chancellor

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