

December 14, 2020

To: Shane White, Chair  
Academic Senate

Re: **Proposed Presidential Policy, Business and Finance Bulletin, IS-12 IT Recovery**

Dear Chair White,

At its meeting on December 10, 2020, the Committee on Academic Freedom reviewed and discussed the Proposed Presidential Policy, Business and Finance Bulletin, IS-12 Recovery.

Committee members were supportive of the policy, but had some follow-up questions:

- Would the proposed IT recovery policy require faculty to store research data on UCLA servers? If so, would there be exceptions, for instance if faculty doing research about the university want to store data on a non-UCLA server? What about faculty using national secrets data that needs to be kept on specially secured servers, or faculty doing clinical work, in which they want to keep the data secure for client confidentiality reasons?
- How would the proposed IS-12 IT Recovery policy interact with the data security requirements imposed by Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and, specifically when the data includes human subjects?

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [volokh@law.ucla.edu](mailto:volokh@law.ucla.edu) or the Committee on Academic Freedom Analyst Taylor Lane Daymude at [tlanedaymude@senate.ucla.edu](mailto:tlanedaymude@senate.ucla.edu).

Sincerely,



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