January 20, 2021

To: Shane White, Chair
        Academic Senate

From: Andrea Kasko, Chair
        Graduate Council

Re: Senate Review: UCLA IT Assessment

At the Graduate Council meeting on January 15, 2021, the UCLA IT Assessment was presented as an information item. Although the Graduate Council was not required to opine on this issue, members offered the following observations for your consideration:

Members would like to ensure that there not be discontinuity in services given plans to address inefficiencies in the current state of IT services on campus. Members also advocated for ways to increase the research enterprise as an IT priority moving forward.

Members agreed that there must be clearly defined and established structures whereby the Senate has direct input and good channels of communication with the Administration regarding IT governance. Senate input is necessary as IT matters have direct impact on all faculty and the work they perform.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Graduate Council analyst, Estrella Arciba, at earciba@senate.ucla.edu.