

UCLA Academic Senate

February 9, 2021

Committee and Council Chairs

Re: Valuing Faculty Service to the Academic Senate

Dear Colleagues,

I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of you recently to discuss the endorsement of the Executive Board's proposal to realign Senate committees and councils. I am heartened, not only by the Board's approval, but also by your openness in discussion and understanding of the value of this effort to strengthen the Senate's effectiveness.

At the January 21, 2021, of the Executive Board members unanimously approved the following:

"Motion to approve the proposal to:

- 1) update the bylaws of a) the Faculty Welfare Committee to clearly include emeriti matters, b) the Graduate Council and Undergraduate Councils to clarify their roles regarding evaluation of teaching, University Extension courses and programs, and intercollegiate athletics, and c) the Council on Planning and Budget regarding development activities;
- 2) sunset the Committee on Emeriti Affairs, Committee on Teaching, Committee on Continuing and Community Education, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Committee on Development, and the Faculty Research Lectureship Committee;
- 3) create an *ad hoc* Awards Committee or standing Awards Committee; and
- 4) submit changes to the Legislative Assembly in 2020-21 effective September 1, 2021."

Our shared goal is for the realignment process to occur efficiently even as we prioritize conversations within and among committees. Executive Director de Stefano and the Council Analysts have formed a working group to coordinate efforts among Chairs as the bylaw updates and sunset proposals are drafted. Your assigned Analyst will facilitate document preparation for the Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction, and for the Legislative Assembly, in spring 2021.

I welcome you to contact me with any questions or invite me to meet with your Committee or Council.

Sincerely,



Shane White
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

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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