

February 22, 2021

Gene D. Block
UCLA Chancellor

Re: UCLA Health COVID-19 Case Data Reporting and Asymptomatic Testing

Dear Chancellor Block,

On behalf of the Executive Board, thank you for your response on November 19, 2020, to our October 21, 2020 letter raising concerns about asymptomatic testing policies and availability. The Academic Senate has been heartened by the infrastructure now in place.

However, we remain concerned about the lack of transparency of UCLA Health data on COVID-19 cases. Per the attached letter from the Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) dated December 9, 2020, “[FWC] Members unanimously agree that the data on COVID-19 cases at UCLA Health need to be transparent and available to the public, in a form similar to the COVID-19 case reporting of the UCLA general campus.” Currently some COVID-19 case data at UCLA Health are available only to some Health Sciences faculty members. It is our understanding that UCLA Health has declined multiple campus requests to share data on students, staff and faculty more broadly.

At its meeting on February 18, 2021, the Executive Board unanimously endorsed the FWC letter, below. Members believe the campus will benefit from a wider and more transparent reporting of UCLA Health data on COVID-19 cases. The general campus webpage, “*Confirmed cases of COVID-19 among the campus community*,” provides a model.

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to opine on the crucial issues facing the campus and look forward to working with you to address them.

Sincerely,



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Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

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