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**Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards**

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed for systemwide review is the Presidential Policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards. This policy is intended to replace the [UC Policy on Review of Gifts and Grants for Research](#).

The University has seen a significant increase in external support in the recent decade – especially from private foundations (including family foundations) and corporations. Though key concepts remain the same, the proposed policy provides greater clarity for properly classifying private support in contemporary circumstances. It also includes definitions, FAQs, and a checklist with weighted criteria. Please note that because the presentation and formatting changes from the previous UC policy on Review of Gifts and Grants for Research are extensive, we have not provided a redlined comparison.

This draft was prepared by a working group, consisting of UCOP representatives from the Research Policy Analysis & Coordination unit, UC Legal, and Institutional Advancement, as well as campus stakeholders, including UCI Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Administration, UCB Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, and UCSF Executive Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations. The policy also takes into consideration comments received from campus Sponsored Projects Offices, Development Offices, and Controllers.

### **Systemwide Review**

Systemwide review is a public review distributed to the Chancellors, the Chair of the Academic Council, the Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources requesting that they inform the general University community, especially affected employees, about policy proposals. Systemwide review also includes a mandatory, 90-day full Senate review.

Employees should be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the draft policy. Attached is a Model Communication which may be used to inform non-exclusively represented employees about these proposals. The Labor Relations Office at the Office of the President is responsible for informing the bargaining units representing union membership about policy proposals.

We would appreciate receiving your comments no later than **May 26, 2021**. Please submit your comments to Dragana Nikolajevic at [Dragana.Nikolajevic@ucop.edu](mailto:Dragana.Nikolajevic@ucop.edu). If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Nikolajevic.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- 1) Presidential Policy [on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards] (clean copy)
- 2) Model Communication

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