UCLA Academic Senate

March 15, 2021

Emily Carter Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost

Re: Memorandum Regarding GSA/USAC Resolution on Improving Graduate/Professional Student Services

Dear Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Carter,

At its meeting on March 4, 2021, the Executive Board of the UCLA Academic Senate reviewed the attached "GSA/USAC Resolution for Graduate and Professional Equity at UCLA." Previously, the Graduate Council had unanimously endorsed the resolution at its meeting on January 29, 2021. The Executive Board members expressed unanimous support for the resolution in order to affirm that graduate students are valued members of the university community and to support their success, goals intrinsic to the values of our public research university.

The key request is to fund adequately and permanently professional development services for all graduate students. We encourage efforts to offer effective services to graduate students in academic and professional degree programs so they can thrive as students, instructors, and researchers while simultaneously accessing the skills and resources necessary to succeed in a diverse range of careers after earning their academic master's or doctoral and professional degrees.

Thank you for your on-going attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Shane White

Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

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Cc: Gene Block, Chancellor

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