April 30, 2021

Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

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

Dear Chair White,

At its meeting on April 12, 2021, the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) had an opportunity to review and discuss the Proposed Presidential Policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards.

Members observed that this policy is a good opportunity for the university to clearly articulate its policies to external entities. Small differences on the use of terms may have important consequences on how gifts or sponsored awards are classified. In addition, members noted that section IV.C., Exceptions to the Policy, provides the chancellor(s) with the power to grant exceptions, which may undermine the consistency of policy in actual practice. Finally, members expressed appreciation for the clarification on the issue of crowd-sourcing.

If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at groeling@comm.ucla.edu or via the Council’s analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

Tim Groeling, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

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