

May 7, 2021

Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: Review: SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Policy

Dear Chair White,

At its meeting on May 3, 2021, the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) had an opportunity to review the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Policy. Members offered the following comments.

Members expressed that the university should not delay the policy's implementation until "FDA licensure (approval), expected in the coming months" as this would prevent the campus from opening further. Additionally, members found the wording of the policy regarding exceptions to be too vague, especially in the case of religious exceptions. Moreover, the state policy on other vaccines is strict and does not allow exceptions. Members agreed that the university should follow state policy.

Other members indicated that UCLA is affiliated to schools and daycare for children and the policy does not offer guidance for them nor for the teachers.

Finally, the policy does not clearly state whether vaccination only refers to an individual being "fully vaccinated" (i.e. received the full vaccine regimen, not just a single dose of a two-dose vaccine).

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,



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