

May 13, 2021

Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

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

Dear Chair White,

At its meeting on May 12, 2021, the Council on Research (COR) had an opportunity to review the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program. Members raised a few concerns.

First, does the policy take into consideration the potential for multiple yearly vaccinations as well as changes in vaccine coverage of specific variants? The proposed program does not clearly state frequency or expectations.

Second, what are the particular underlying health conditions which may be allowed a medical exemption? How will this process be facilitated? The program does not offer guidance which may leave faculty, students and staff in the untenable position of having to advocate for themselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at julianmartinez@mednet.ucla.edu or via the Council's analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

Julian Martinez, Chair
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