

May 14, 2021

Mary Gauvain
Chair, UC Academic Senate

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

Dear Chair Gauvain,

The Divisional Executive Board, councils, and committees appreciated the opportunity to review the Proposed Presidential Policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards. The Executive Board reviewed the proposal and divisional committee feedback at its meeting on May 13, 2021. Members appreciated the good intent of this written policy. Some members noted their appreciation for the attempt to enhance precision and transparency and for addressing complex topics such as crowd-sourcing and conditions of awards from foundations. Others questioned the inclusion of an exception clause that allows the whole policy to be undone with a chancellor's approval. Overall, members concluded that the quality of the actual proposal did not meet its aspiration. Members voted unanimously to oppose the proposal as written because it lacked the needed clarity. We welcome an opportunity to review a future revision.

Sincerely,



Shane White
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

Encl.

Cc: Jody Kreiman, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
Michael Meranze, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
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