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To: Shane White, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Megan McEvoy, Chair, Undergraduate Council

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

At its meeting on May 14, 2021, the Undergraduate Council reviewed the proposed Presidential Policy SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program.

Members generally endorsed the proposed program, as it will promote the campus community's health and safety. Members noted that mandating the vaccine will help protect members of our community who are immunocompromised and/or for medical reasons should not receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Although one member expressed opposition to the program, noting that the COVID-19 vaccines remain under emergency use authorization, the vast majority of our members supported the program with enthusiasm. Members noted that Pfizer requested full approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its COVID-19 vaccine on May 7, and others (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) are expected to follow.

One member wondered why this vaccine has a religious exemption, where the general vaccine policy for the UC does not. Having differing vaccine policies may cause confusion. The Council would appreciate clarification on this question.

Thank you for the opportunity to opine. If you have any questions, please contact us via the Undergraduate Council's analyst, Aileen Liu, at aliu@senate.ucla.edu.

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