

May 27, 2021

Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: Public Review for UCLA Policy 956: IP Revenue Sharing with Not-for-Profit Nongovernmental Organizations

Dear Chair White,

At its meeting on May 12, 2021, the Council on Research (COR) had an opportunity to review UCLA Policy 956: IP Revenue Sharing with Not-for-Profit Nongovernmental Organizations.

Members shared a few observations:

1. Has the institution considered scenarios in which UCLA will have limited involvement or no contributions (i.e. including facilitating only space and the implications on IP revenue sharing)?
2. The evident loophole is that the Vice Chancellor for Research can grant exceptions and the exception process is not clearly defined. Who makes decisions and under which conditions?
3. While members understand that the policy aims to introduce flexibility, it lacks transparency and accountability. How do we emphasize and motivate the institution to be more transparent?

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,

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