

June 1, 2021

To: Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

From: Andrea Kasko, Chair
Graduate Council

Re: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Presidential Policy – Fee Policy for Graduate Student *In Absentia* Registration

At its meeting on May 21, 2021, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the *Proposed Presidential Fee Policy for Graduate Student In Absentia Registration* and offers the following observations for your consideration:

Members recognized the intent to improve equity and access, but noted that *In Absentia Registration* is problematic to enforce given that many resources are available remotely and online now, and it perhaps makes less sense than in the past due to the wider availability of resources. A radius determination may or may not matter. Members recommended consultation with the Library about post-pandemic plans for licensing, which will impact the availability of resources. Members recommended an assessment after any policy changes in several years to evaluate campus impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Graduate Council Analyst, Estrella Arciba, at earciba@senate.ucla.edu.