

December 6, 2021

Robert Horowitz
Chair, UC Academic Senate

Re: Proposed Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices

Dear Chair Horowitz,

The Divisional Executive Board, councils, and committees appreciate the opportunity to review the Proposed Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices. The Executive Board reviewed the proposal and divisional council and committee feedback at its meeting on December 2, 2021.

Members generally supported the proposed policy although they questioned whether the proposal goes far enough to address the climate crisis. While the proposed policy places constraints on use of carbon offsets, it does not appear to move far enough to eliminate use of fossil fuels. Members appreciated the effort to rein in the volatile market of carbon offsets, but did not want UC to ignore the more fundamental effort to reduce fossil fuel use. Members also noted the importance of incorporating faculty research expertise into any implementation process. Overall, members suggested the policy proposal would benefit from more concrete and actionable rather than aspirational goals.

Sincerely,



Jody Kreiman
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

Cc: Jessica Cattelino, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
Shane White, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate