

December 9, 2021

Evelyn Blumenberg, Chair, Council on Planning and Budget
Alex Bui, Chair, Committee on Data, Information Technology, and Privacy CDITP
Marco Iacoboni, Chair, Council on Research

Re: Envisioning Research in the Post-Pandemic University Report

Dear Chairs Blumenberg, Bui, and Iacoboni,

The Executive Board reviewed the “Envisioning Research in the Post-Pandemic University” Report and the feedback of your councils and committee at its meeting on December 2, 2021. Members unanimously endorsed the report.

Members appreciated your initial feedback. The Executive Board asked for your respective councils and committee to look more closely at report recommendations to the Senate itself. Specifically, members asked for your assistance in developing specific plans of action with an emphasis on infrastructure, mitigation measures, inequities, and the future of research. Members encouraged the development of pragmatic, operational, practical ways to turn this report from an aspirational document to a concrete implementation plan for the UCLA Academic Senate. A main goal of the report was to think about the R1 university in the wake of this global pandemic. The pandemic has forced us to accelerate towards change with regard to research and technology; it is important to think proactively to shape the future of research at our campus.

The Executive Board requests your actionable guidance on the report’s recommendations to the Senate by Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Sincerely,



Jody Kreiman
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

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