March 21, 2022

Robert Horwitz
Chair, UC Academic Senate

Re: (Systemwide Senate Review) Recommendations for Department Political Statements

Dear Chair Horwitz,

At its meeting on March 3, 2022, the Executive Board reviewed the Recommendations for Department Political Statements and the range of divisional committee and council feedback. Executive Board members expressed a range of views on this issue. After discussion, a majority of members voted to endorse the two recommendations and relay the following concerns. Members suggested the need to clarify that “proportionate opportunity” for minority viewpoints does not necessarily mean they have an equivalent or numerically proportionate amount of space or number of words (members took the word “proportionate” to indicate a broader effort toward adequate representation of minority views). Second, some members expressed concern that individuals who choose not to subscribe to a viewpoint may have unfair assumptions made about their views.

Sincerely,

Jessica Cattelino
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

Encl.

Cc: April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate
Shane White, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate