

March 23, 2022

To: Jessica Cattelino, Chair
Academic Senate

From: Carson T. Schutze, Chair
Faculty Welfare Committee

Re: Recognizing Community-Engaged Scholarship in Academic Personnel Review

At its meeting on March 15, 2022, the Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) discussed the Recognizing Community-Engaged Scholarship in Academic Personnel Review report. Members agreed that community-engaged scholarship is important to the university's future success for many reasons, as the report lays out, and must therefore receive due recognition in the academic personnel review process, including a precise definition.

Concerning the recommendations outlined on pp. 22-23 of the report, we suspect that departmental working groups, in addition to divisional/school committees and the Academic Senate, plus a committee convened by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, are probably unnecessarily duplicative, except perhaps in cases where the nature of a department's community engagement is atypical in its division/school and thus may not be well-served by proposed school/divisional guidelines. We look forward to seeing a concrete proposal come out of this process.

If you have questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at cschutze@humnet.ucla.edu or via the FWC's analyst, Renee Rouzan-Kay, at rrouzankay@senate.ucla.edu.

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