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To: Jessica Cattelino, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Leah Lievrouw, Chair, Graduate Council

Re: Recognizing Community-Engaged Scholarship in Academic Personnel Review

At its meeting on April 8, 2022, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the Recognizing Community-Engaged Scholarship in Academic Personnel Review report and offers the following observations for the Executive Board's consideration:

Members agreed that the campus would benefit from greater guidance and clarity on definition, scope and reciprocity. Members had difficulty distinguishing community-engaged scholarship from the contributions to diversity requirement, and some members argued that there was not a strong justification for a model distinct from that of the diversity requirement.

Some members echoed the Undergraduate Council's comment that there is a need to more clearly articulate the boundaries of where engaged scholarship ends and service-oriented engagement in the community begins. Members asked whether public facing scholarship, for example, is a form of engaged scholarship. Members added that some scholarship does not appear to be reciprocal.

Members generally agreed that contributions can be both diversity promoting and community-engaged but the campus should not subsume one completely under the other.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact us via Graduate Council Analyst, Estrella Arciba, at earciba@senate.ucla.edu.