May 20, 2022

Jessica Cattelino, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: Systemwide Review: Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Healthcare Organizations

Dear Chair Cattelino,

At its meeting on May 2, 2022, the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) had an opportunity to review the proposed Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Healthcare Organizations. Members offered the following comments at the meeting and one member provided additional input by follow-up email.

Members recognized that these organizations are often important for training and teaching students and that cutting ties with Dignity Health would have significant implications. One member stated that the policy was misdirected by discriminating against hospitals that do not provide certain procedures. The member noted that the policy would be less ideological if it were more targeted. For example, the policy could recommend that residents not be sent to organizations that do not provide certain procedures necessary to their training.

However, most members were supportive of the University Committee on Faculty Welfare’s comments and observations. They expressed concern about the specific services that the affiliated organizations would not offer and the effects of these discriminatory practices. In general, members agreed that UC principles of non-discrimination and inclusivity needed to take precedence over other perceived benefits associated with these affiliations.

If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at eblumenb@ucla.edu or via the Council’s analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

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