May 17, 2022

To: Jessica Cattelino, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Leah Lievrouw, Chair, Graduate Council

Re: Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Healthcare Organizations

At its meeting on May 6, 2022, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the Presidential Policy on Affiliations with Certain Healthcare Organizations and offers the following observations for the Executive Board’s consideration:

Some members noted that there would be a substantial impact on students and postdoctoral scholars in medicine, nursing, and other health-care disciplines. One member reported that students in their home department have not been able to get clinical rotations because of this and instead have had to rely on simulations which is not ideal. The policy would further impact the program’s ability to place students.

One member queried whether it would be possible to examine specific hospital services rather than across the board exclusions of certain health care organizations.

Some members were supportive of the current policy stating that all healthcare organizations make choices and decisions based on their general beliefs.

One member noted that the language in the policy text seems inconsistent. While some language implies flexibility, other sections are definitive and absolute.

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.