

UCLA Academic Senate

May 23, 2022

Executive Board Members

Re: Executive Board Special Committee on the Campus Response to the Climate Crisis (CCRCC)

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

In light of the ongoing climate crisis and the proposed Memorial to the Regents on fossil fuel emissions, I propose that the Executive Board (EB) charge a special Committee on the Campus Response to the Climate Crisis (CCRCC). This will be a pilot during the 2022-23 academic year. EB members can assess its efficacy and any next steps in spring 2023.

Please note that a growing number of UC divisional Senates are establishing similar committees, organized around climate crisis or around sustainability, and this year there has been an ad hoc systemwide working group, convened by Chair Robert Horwitz, on the climate crisis (on which I serve). Some campuses have established permanent committees, but this proposed approach allows for a pilot for one year and subsequent decision-making about whether a more permanent body should be established.

Charge

A) This special committee shall consist of three members of the Executive Board and two ordinary members of the Division selected by the Chair in consultation with the Executive Board and the Committee on Committees.

B) This special committee shall have the following duties:

1. Confer with and advise the Executive Board on matters pertaining to the climate crisis impacts and mitigation on campus, related policy proposals, educational programs addressing the climate crisis, and climate crisis research.
2. Study data on the climate crisis impacts of campus activities.
3. Develop recommendations for climate-related changes to campus policy and practice, and review campus response to climate crisis.
4. Promote efforts to increase the campus response to the climate crisis in the curriculum and research, with a focus on activities under faculty purview.
5. Designate representative(s) to serve on relevant UC systemwide committees, and report to the Executive Board on systemwide climate crisis actions and conversations.
6. Designate a representative to sit on relevant campus committees, and report to the Executive Board on that committee's actions and deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica R. Cattelino".

Jessica R. Cattelino
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

Cc: April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate
Andrea Kasko, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
Shane White, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate