

UCLA Academic Senate

June 9, 2022

Gene Block, Chancellor

Michael Levine, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Re: **Recommendations for Department Political Statements**

Dear Chancellor Block and Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Levine,

At its May 2022 meeting, the Academic Council of the systemwide Academic Senate endorsed the recommendations from the University Committee on Academic Freedom (UCAF). The recommendations address the freedom of campus academic departments to issue or endorse statements on political or controversial issues, and outline processes that ensure the judicious and transparent use of statements.

The systemwide Academic Senate asked Division Senate Chairs to facilitate the distribution of these materials to “department chairs, deans, chancellors, and campus CAFs.” To that end, I ask you to transmit the attached materials to department chairs, deans and other campus administrative leaders as we share the materials with relevant Senate bodies.

Moreover, we request sufficient time for the divisional Senate’s deliberative processes to review any proposed campus policy based on these recommendations.

Sincerely,



Jessica R. Cattelino
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

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Cc: Michael Beck, Administrative Vice Chancellor
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