October 18, 2022

Jessica Cattelino, Chair
Academic Senate

Re:  Systemwide Review: Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation 630

Dear Chair Cattelino,

At its meeting on October 10, 2022, the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the Proposed Amendment to Senate Regulation 630. Members offered the following comments.

Members commented that it is challenging to formulate an informed opinion while there is a lack of clarity on the budget implications of the proposed change. Some members questioned whether the proposed regulation would restrict the ability to provide additional online instruction that may generate revenue for the university. Other members wondered whether the new Future of Instruction Task Force would study issues such as this one, and whether their perspective would be important to have at this time. Moreover, members wondered whether the proposed amendment would have a significant effect on the budget, enrollment numbers, classroom use (physical seats), infrastructure, and the quality of instruction. We concluded that these should be consideration given to the effects on departmental resources, distribution of classes, and enrollment.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew Leuchter, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

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