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Sandra Graham Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

## Re: Systemwide Senate Review: Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128, Conflicts of Interest

Dear Professor Graham,

Thank you for providing the Council on Research (COR) with an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Amendment to Bylaw 128 about Conflicts of Interest.

Members agree with the proposed amendments. A few members, however, expressed uncertainty over what would constitute a potential conflict of interest. Is there a process to resolve issues at the level of the individual committee chair? A process in place for addressing such issues would be useful.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed amendment. If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>lhavton@mednet.ucla.edu</u> or via the Council's analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at <u>efeller@senate.ucla.edu</u> or x62470.

Sincerely,

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