

January 4, 2023

To: Jessica Cattelino, Chair, Academic Senate and Executive Board

From: Rachel Lee, Chair, Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee

Re: (Systemwide Review) Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices

On December 13, 2022, the members of the Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee (CRCC) of the Executive Board held an inaugural committee meeting. Members agreed to respond to the (Systemwide Senate Review) Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices in the context of the recent Academic Senate Memorial on Reducing Fossil Fuel Combustion ([Memorial](#)).

Of 3,649 UCwide Senate members who voted, 84.6% voted in favor of the Memorial, which “petitions the Regents for investments in UC’s infrastructure that will reduce on-campus fossil fuel combustion by at least 60% of current levels by 2030 and by 95% of current levels by 2035.” While we applaud efforts to advance “climate neutrality” goals in the proposed policy revisions, we urge the University of California (UC) and all its campuses and locations to move more quickly and proactively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Indeed, CRCC members ask the UC to meet the fossil fuel reduction targets stated in the Memorial.

Cc: April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate
Members, Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee