

January 18, 2023

Susan Cochran
Chair, UC Systemwide Academic Senate

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

Dear Chair Cochran,

At the January 12, 2023, meeting of the Executive Board, members reviewed the proposed revisions to Presidential Policy on Sustainable Practices, and the enclosed divisional committee and council responses. Members appreciated the opportunity to review the proposal and offered the following comments.

The Executive Board, like our committees, generally supported the revisions, though members with to highlight the suggestion of the Campus Response to the Climate Crisis special committee letter on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Consistent with our divisional letters about last year's policy revisions, and aligned with last year's Senate Memorial, members urged the next round of revisions to consider seriously the value of offsets in the context of climate actions. The use of offsets may not be the most effective way to achieve sustainability. Instead, the focus should be on decarbonization to meet goals on reduction of carbon emissions. One member suggested looking at net carbon strategies for industry and supported the use of offsets.

Sincerely,



Jessica Cattelino
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

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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