

January 19, 2023

Susan Cochran
Chair, UC Systemwide Academic Senate

Re: Retirement Systems (RASC) Concerns

Dear Chair Cochran,

At its meeting on January 12, 2023, the Executive Board considered the attached letter from the Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) expressing concerns about the ineffective functioning and service of the Retirement Systems (RASC). The FWC letter includes a letter from Professor Scott Waugh, Chair of the Emeriti Association, and an October 2022 CUCRA/CUCEA letter about these matters.

Executive Board members share the concerns that retired UC faculty members continue to experience challenges accessing their retirement benefits. Although they understood, and appreciated, that efforts are underway at the systemwide level to improve the services, clearly the service level is not close to where it needs to be. Indeed, the evidence suggests that not enough is being done. With attention to inclusion, members are especially concerned that these failures harm elders in our community who may be medically and financially vulnerable. Members voted to share these concerns, and their dismay, with the systemwide Academic Senate, and agreed that I would work with you to explore the best way to convey the issues to President Drake.

Sincerely,



Jessica Cattellino
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

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