

February 3, 2023

Andrew Leuchter  
Chair, Council on Planning and Budget

Re: **Funding Contracts and Graduate Education**

Dear Chair Leuchter,

At its meeting on January 26, 2023, the Executive Board received an update from Chair Cattelino on recent divisional and systemwide conversations with Administration about the financial implications of the new graduate student academic employee and postdoctoral scholar labor contracts. Academic Senate Leadership has repeatedly emphasized that paying for contracts must be a whole campus project, and not just the responsibility of academic units or individual PI budgets. Members expressed concerns that to date the initial actions of campus Administration have been to freeze or cut admissions levels to all graduate degree programs.

Members approved a motion to urge the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) to insist on information from Administration about 1) where they are planning cuts to non-academic units to fund the contracts, and 2) detailed data on the size and growth of administrative units in terms of both FTE and budgets, along with any associated context.

Of course, if CPB has recommendations for where budget cuts should be made or avoided, the Executive Board would welcome that guidance as well.

The Executive Board would appreciate a response from CPB by March 31, 2023.

Sincerely,



Jessica Cattelino  
Chair  
UCLA Academic Senate

Cc: April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate  
Elizabeth Feller, Associate Director, UCLA Academic Senate  
Andrea Kasko, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate  
Shane White, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate