February 27, 2023

Jessica Cattelino, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the UCLA Academic Senate

Dear Chair Cattelino,

At its meeting on February 7, 2023, the Committee on Data, Information Technology, and Privacy (CDITP) reviewed the letter from the Executive Board with suggestions to improve Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the UCLA Academic Senate. The following comments were suggested:

CDITP recognizes the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion, particularly as part of the Academic Senate, it is unclear to CDITP how to proceed on this front, particularly given the limited number of meetings that this committee typically has annually; and 2) the relatively small size of the CDITP also limits the committee’s ability to capture both representations in perspectives as well as the required knowledge/expertise for the committee, and so one of the forthcoming recommendations on CDITP’s future will be the increase the size of the committee, which would then assist with DEI and other operational aspects of this group.

Thank you for all your efforts on this report. If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at BuiA@mii.ucla.edu or via the Committee analyst, Renee Rouzan-Kay, at rrouzankay@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

Alex Bui, Chair
Committee on Data, Information Technology, and Privacy

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    Renee Rouzan-Kay, Senior Policy Analyst, Committee on Data,
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