

April 19, 2023

Susan Cochran  
Chair, UC Academic Senate

**Re: (Systemwide Senate Review) Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management**

Dear Chair Cochran,

The divisional Executive Board, councils, and committees appreciated the opportunity to review the proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management. The Executive Board (EB) reviewed the proposal at its meeting on April 13, 2023.

EB members voted to endorse the proposed policy. They indicated the importance of considering diversity, equity, and inclusion matters as they relate to the Small Business First Program. They also emphasized the need for amplified awareness of sustainable practices and greenhouse emissions in procurement and supply chain management.

More generally, members emphasized the challenges that faculty face in advancing their research, teaching, and service because of the cumbersome systems (including purchasing) that require ever-increasing time and labor. In the creation and review of related policies, the University should center the question of how they support the academic mission.

Sincerely,



Jessica Cattelino  
Chair  
UCLA Academic Senate

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