

May 1, 2023

Jessica Cattelino, Chair  
Academic Senate

**Re: Systemwide Review: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents, and Innovation Transfer**

Dear Chair Cattelino,

At its meeting on April 5, 2023, the Council on Research (COR) reviewed the Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents, and Innovation Transfer. Members offered the following comments.

Members noted that in previous versions of the policy there was 15% net royalties earmarked for investigators, but is now deleted (page 4, redline/tracked changes copy): “An additional 15% of net royalties and fees per invention shall be allocated for research-related purposes on the inventor's campus or Laboratory. Net royalties are defined as gross royalties and fees, less the costs of patenting, protecting, and preserving patent and related property rights, maintaining patents, the licensing of patent and related property rights, and such other costs, taxes, or reimbursements as may be necessary or required by law. Inventor shares paid to University employees pursuant to this paragraph represent an employee benefit.” Members requested further clarification and explanation on the removal of this section and asked for the statement to be reinstated.

Additionally, members noted that the policy does not clearly state rules and responsibilities when peer investigators from other institutions are involved in a patent. There needs to be further clarification and guidance for when a UC faculty member is not the primary inventor.

If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at [branting@ucla.edu](mailto:branting@ucla.edu) or via the Council's analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at [efeller@senate.ucla.edu](mailto:efeller@senate.ucla.edu).

Sincerely,

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