

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 3, 2023, the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) reviewed the Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents, and Innovation Transfer. Members offered the following comments.

Members were in unanimous support of the development of a more transparent process and adding a provision to request exceptions – and for these to be disclosed to the university community and include faculty consultation. A few members noted that the Chancellor has the power to make exceptions to the policy and noted that there were no clear guidelines for circumstances under which these would be granted, nor guidelines for granting them. Some members questioned whether exceptions would be liberally granted, in which case having such a policy might be unnecessary. Some members expressed concern over a process that grants exceptions to the policy without Academic Senate input. Other members observed that the policy was challenging to follow and understand.

If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at afl@ucla.edu or via the Council's analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,



Andrew Leuchter, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

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