

May 17, 2023

Susan Cochran
Chair, UC Academic Senate

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

Dear Chair Cochran,

The Executive Board (EB) of the Los Angeles Division appreciated the opportunity to review the Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents, and Innovation Transfer, which it reviewed at its meeting on May 11, 2023. Attached please find letters from divisional committees and councils.

EB members voted to approve a motion to decline to endorse the proposed revisions. Members were concerned about the lack of clarity that would accompany devolution of authority to campuses, including the distribution of royalties and the development of new positions (and necessary expertise) to manage on the campuses.

In addition, members expressed concerns, some of which reflected the feedback in committee and council letters, about the exception section and related protections for faculty in relation to Chancellorial discretion, changes in distribution of royalties (especially the portion of royalties no longer earmarked for research departments), and the exclusion of heirs. A committee also requested clarification of how the policy would apply to collaborators beyond the University of California.

The Los Angeles Division appreciated the opportunity to review this issue.

Sincerely,



Jessica Cattelino
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

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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