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To: Andrea Kasko, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Brooke Scelza, Chair, Graduate Council

Re: Joint Report – Joint Task Force on the Academic Mission of UCLA Campus Expansion

At its meeting on October 13, 2023, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the report from the Joint Task Force on the Academic Mission of UCLA Campus Expansion. Members present offered the following observations for the Executive Board's consideration:

- Members noted that the report did not address how the recommendations would directly affect graduate education and students.
- Members raised questions on whether the residential college courses would include teaching assistants and were concerned about equity for graduate students with teaching assignments at the South Bay campus. Some members noted that a TA position at the South Bay campus should not be considered functionally equivalent to a position on campus.
- Members noted the survey's low response rate and the demographics of the respondents.
- Members were interested in the costs of upgrading the buildings for proposed short-term and long-term opportunities.

Members recommend that the Graduate Council is consulted for any proposed projects that may impact graduate students, including research and employment opportunities at the South Bay campus.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact us via Graduate Council Analyst, Emily Le, at ele@senate.ucla.edu.