

To: Andrea Kasko, Chair, Academic Senate

From: Shane White, Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

Date: November 7, 2023

Re: UCLA Policy: Public and Discretionary Statements by Academic Campus Units

At its meeting on November 1, 2023, the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (CR&J) discussed the UCLA Policy for public and discretionary statements by academic campus units.

Members unanimously supported the policy and particularly praised the policy's respect and protection of minority or silent viewpoints.

Members were unclear why Section V. References did not include specific citations. CR&J strongly recommends inclusion of the June 2022 UC Academic Council endorsement¹ of the May 2022 University Committee on Academic Freedom recommendations and the UC Regents Policy 4403: Statement of Principles Against Intolerance² in the UCLA Policy document. Members recommended that Section I. Purpose and Scope clarify that this UCLA policy is a divisional implementation of existing systemwide policies and recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at snwhite@dentistry.ucla.edu or via the Committee's analyst, Lori Ishimaru, at lishimaru@senate.ucla.edu.

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¹ <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/reports/rh-senate-divs-recs-for-dept-statements.pdf>

² <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/policies/4403.html>