

February 21, 2024

Michael J. Beck
Administrative Vice Chancellor, UCLA

Monroe Gorden
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UCLA

Re: Proposed UCLA Time, Place, and Manner Policies

Dear Administrative Vice Chancellor Beck and Vice Chancellor Gorden,

At the February 15, 2024, meeting of the Executive Board (EB), members reviewed the Proposed UCLA Time, Place, and Manner Policies and the attached responses from divisional Senate committees and councils.

Members voted unanimously in favor of a motion to decline to endorse the policies and to point to letters from the Senate committees, which include disagreement regarding place restrictions, volume, voter registration, advance notice, gender, and more. Further, the approved motion expressed an overall concern that principles of expression, free speech, and academic freedom are being limited without adequate justification; predicted selective enforcement; found the policy arbitrary; and observed that it demonstrated a real gulf in understanding of speech and other expression on campus.

Members described the propose policies as fundamentally flawed, highly problematic, and completely incompatible with the notion of a university. They conveyed overall concern about how expression and speech would be limited, concerns about selective enforcement, and that the proposed policies are incompatible with the principles and practices of campuses.

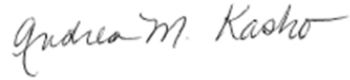
Members noted that as an open, public campus, it did not appear realistic to try to prevent people in a public space from saying what they want. They observed that most protests travel across the campus rather than stay in one place. Members added that sometimes people have it as their goal to get arrested; the stricter the policy the quicker people will be arrested, which is counterproductive if the goal is to lessen disruption. They suggested that allowing people to say what they want to say will create a more peaceful campus.

Members suggested providing clearer definitions. For example, what is considered a “major event” and who makes that determination? Members worried that the current construction of the whole policy appears arbitrary with unclear distinctions that could lead to administrative fiat over public discourse.

Members appreciated, and concurred with, the feedback from divisional Senate committees and councils. They suggested a close review of the attached committee letters. EB welcomes an opportunity to review a revised proposal that reflects the values of a premier public research university.

The UCLA Academic Senate appreciated the opportunity to advise on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andrea M. Kasko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" and last name "Kasko" clearly legible, and "M." as a middle initial.

Andrea Kasko
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

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Cc: Kathleen Bawn, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
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