March 7, 2024

Andrea Kasko, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: Accessibility and Instruction Working Group Report

Dear Chair Kasko,

The Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) discussed the Accessibility and Instruction Working Group Report at its meeting on February 26, 2024. Members unanimously endorsed the report as written (12 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain). [Student vote: 4 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 abstain.]

Members suggested that the implementation of incentives aimed at promoting accessibility initiatives should be given consideration. For example, the Center for Accessible Education (CAE) may consider instituting awards or recognition programs to acknowledge and celebrate courses that excel in fostering accessibility and inclusive practices. This approach would not only recognize individual faculty members for their contributions but also serve to showcase effective strategies and encourage broader adoption across UCLA.

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

Best regards,

Michael Emmerich, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

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