April 9, 2024

To: Andrea Kasko, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Brooke Scelza, Chair, Graduate Council

Re: (Systemwide Senate Review) Regents Policy on Public and Discretionary Statements by Academic Units

Graduate Council members independently reviewed the Regents Policy on Public and Discretionary Statements by Academic Units. Members offered the following comments for consideration.

Of the members who responded, some members stated that the draft policy seems reasonable. One member appreciated the definitions of public and discretionary statements and the articulation of a clear policy that guides units on how to issue discretionary statements. While some members noted that the policy was clearer than the Policy on Use of University Administrative Websites, one member noted that it was unclear whether a link to a discretionary statement can be made on the main homepage of the academic unit (i.e., not the statement itself, but a link to that message). A member queried whether there was a common understanding of the term “subgroups” of a Unit, which was mentioned in Part D and suggested adding it to the definition of “Academic Units” in Part A.

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.