April 24, 2024

To: Andrea Kasko, Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Brooke Scelza, Chair, Graduate Council

Re: Final Report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities

At its meeting on April 12, 2024, the Graduate Council discussed the Final Report of the University of California Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities. Members offered the following comments for consideration.

Members appreciate the efforts of the workgroup to present recommendations to support students with disabilities. One member suggests that it would be useful to have further discussions with the Center for Accessible Education regarding accommodations and incomplete grades. One member noted that Figure 5 on page 18 of the report does not have a legend. It would be helpful to have an explanation of the data and what the colors represent.

One student representative queried about graduate retention programs available, as the report did not include any specific information regarding graduate students and retention and suggested consideration of resources or a retention program that included students with disabilities. A student representative emphasized the importance of the recommendation regarding incomplete grades and noted that the Graduate Student Association and Undergraduate Student Association Council submitted a proposal regarding the incomplete notation to the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils for consideration.

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.