April 26, 2024

To: Andrea Kasko, Chair
    UCLA Academic Senate

Re: (Systemwide Senate Review) Proposed Academic Senate Statement on UC Quality

At its meeting on April 17, 2024, the Committee on International Education (CIE) discussed the proposed Academic Senate Statement on UC Quality. Looking at the report through the lens of international education, it is clear that this statement positively highlights the system’s international impact though international education is not directly mentioned.

Members agreed that the first half is very CA State-focused and have proposed additional language to reflect the University’s priority on international competency within the student body. Committee members suggested the addition of a bullet point under the “Build Core Competencies and Critical Thinking Skills” section that focuses on the global competency of UC students. The bullet point could read:

   “Allow for students to develop global competency through opportunities for cultural immersion, language development, and global experiences.”

As UCLA continues to develop as a “global university”, the University should prioritize providing students with the opportunities to become globally minded.

The committee appreciates the opportunity to review this report, and look forward to more data being made available in the near future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (MGiovannini@mednet.ucla.edu) or Academic Senate Policy Analyst, Lilia Valdez (lvaldez@senate.ucla.edu).

Sincerely,

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