May 13, 2024

Andrea Kasko, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: UCLA Decarbonization Study

Dear Chair Kasko,

At its May 7, 2024, meeting, the Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) reviewed and discussed the UCLA Decarbonization Study Report.

The FWC found it difficult to provide an informed opinion on the decarbonization study. It did not have members with expertise or a full understanding of reducing and eliminating carbon emissions from the university’s day-to-day processes. Members agreed an electric plan is likely the most effective process to replace gas; however, they questioned what the benefits would be to moving solely to electric, needing more straightforward information on the climate comparison, implementation length, and resources needed to fund such a grand project would be.

Thank you for the opportunity to opine. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at butlersj@ucla.edu or via the Committee analyst, Renee Rouzan-Kay, at rrouzankay@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

Samantha Butler, Chair
Faculty Welfare Committee

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