May 14, 2024

James Steintrager  
Chair, UC Academic Senate

Re: (Systemwide Senate Review) Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 (Area H)

Dear Chair Steintrager,

The divisional Executive Board (EB) reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate regulation 424.A.3 and divisional committee and council responses at its meeting on May 9, 2024. Members voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support the idea of proposed ethnic studies requirement and to forward the attached divisional committee and council letters so their concerns may be addressed. (Two student representatives voted in support of the motion.)

EB members raised the following points while discussing the proposed revisions:

- The implementation of the requirement may inadvertently have disproportionate effects on some applicants.
- Allowing access to waivers is important for those who are unable to complete the requirement for various reasons including course availability.
- There is a need for clarification as to how this requirement will work with California AB101.
- This proposed requirement is similar to how the University reviews other admission application requirements that reflects the knowledge the University believes students need to succeed at the University of California.

Thank you for the opportunity to advise on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Andrea Kasko
Chair
UCLA Academic Senate

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Cc: Kathleen Bawn, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
    Jessica Cattelino, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
    April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate