

May 15, 2019

Robert May
Chair, Academic Council

RE: Systemwide “Limited Review”: DRAFT_UC Health Policy Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

Dear Robert,

The Executive Board of the UCLA Academic Senate discussed the DRAFT UC Health Policy Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities at its meeting on May 9, 2019. Due to the limited review and the short turnaround time, the Executive Board was unable to solicit comments from standing committees of the Senate.

The Senate recognizes the importance of trying to balance compliance with the demands of immigration officers while still providing health and wellness to patients. The request that California public institutions only cooperate with immigration enforce within limits set by the California Values Act puts necessarily places units, such as the hospitals, in a difficult situation. Although we do not feel in a position to opine on the specific ways that the policy attempts to mediate these conflicting requirements, we appreciate the University’s efforts to provide guidance to employees and protect patients’ rights within the context of competing legal demands.

In Section III.F.2. states “Health facility personnel shall immediately notify the minor patient’s parent or guardian if a law enforcement officer requests or gains access to the patient for immigration enforcement purposes, unless such access was in compliance with a judicial warrant or subpoena that restricts the disclosure of the information to the parent or guardian.” Several members recommended that the policy be extended and that health facility personnel notify anyone whose records are accessed, not just minors.

The Executive Board appreciates the opportunity to opine. Please feel free to contact me should have any questions.

Sincerely,



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