June 22, 2020

Kum-Kum Bhavnani
Chair, UC Academic Council

Re: Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation

Dear Chair Bhavnani,

Thank you for providing the Los Angeles Division with the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation. Distributed to the committees of UCLA’s Academic Senate, the Executive Board discussed the proposal at its June 11, 2020 meeting. Members are supportive of the revised proposal, which they believe will maintain the values and principles to Native American and Native Hawaiian communities. Several members raised questions for consideration as to whether temporal guidelines would be helpful, a sufficient number of faculty would be qualified to participate, and whether the structure of the committee allows for a possibly years-long process.

As is our custom, we have included the statements from Senate committees who chose to opine.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this important proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Meranze
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Cc: Joseph Bristow, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate
Shane White, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate