Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee

UCLA Scope 2 and 3 Emissions Reduction Recommendation

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May 21, 2024

Gene Block
Chancellor, UCLA

Darnell Hunt
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP), UCLA

Re: UCLA Scope 2 and 3 Emissions Reduction Recommendation

Dear Chancellor Block and EVCP Hunt,

At the April 25, 2024, meeting of the Executive Board (EB), members reviewed the attached Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee’s (CRCC) recommendation for Administration to address a reduction of Scope 2 and 3 emissions at UCLA.

EB members unanimously voted in favor of a motion to endorse the letter and forward it to you for distribution to, and consideration by, senior administrative leaders.

The Executive Board welcomes a response that addresses the attached recommendations.

Sincerely,

Andrea Kasko
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Encl.

Cc: Kathy Bawn, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate
    Jessica Cattelino, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate
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April 9, 2024

To: Andrea Kasko  
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Aaron Meyer  
Chair, Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee

Re: UCLA Scope 2 and 3 Emissions Reduction Recommendation

Dear Chair Kasko and the Executive Board,

At the March 4, 2024, meeting of the Campus Response to the Climate Crisis Special Committee (CRCC) of the Executive Board, members unanimously approved a motion to recommend that the UCLA Administration address Scope 2 and 3 emissions in the near future to tackle more of the university’s impacts on the climate and to do so alongside other California institutions.

The UCLA Decarbonization Study is underway and analyzes how to reduce on-site Scope 1 emissions. However, reductions in Scope 2 and 3 emissions could potentially occur in parallel. Furthermore, Scope 2 and 3 emissions represent the majority of emissions and are of larger magnitude than those included within Scope 1. Therefore, members proposed that UCLA draft a plan on how to reduce Scope 2 and 3 emissions as well. If a divisional study is not possible, members suggested that the Administration advocate for a study of UC campuses’ Scope 2 and 3 emissions.

The California State Legislature recently passed Senate Bill No. 253 Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act, which requires California businesses with revenues above $1 billion to report their Scope 1 and 2 emissions starting in 2026 and their Scope 3 emissions in 2027. The University of California system was specifically exempted from this requirement. However, members recommended that the UC Regents approve to make the University of California accountable as well. The UC campuses are California institutions that should be held to the same standard and serve as examples to other California institutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey CRCC recommendations on this important topic. Members request Executive Board endorsement and subsequent distribution to the Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

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