Dear Colleagues,

The systemwide UC Senate Academic Council is seeking feedback from the campuses on the First Round Recommendations of the *UC Commission on the Future of the University*. The recommendations are posted at:

http://ucfuture.universityofcalifornia.edu/presentations/cotf_wg_first_recs.pdf

At UCLA, we are using the several mechanisms to disseminate the recommendations, provide opportunities for discussion, and undertake our formal review.

All Senate members are invited to attend the **Legislative Assembly meeting on April 29 from 2-4 PM in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon**. At that meeting, there will be a focused discussion of several key recommendations:

1. **Education and Curriculum workgroup recommendation 1, part 2** (pp. 29-35):
   As part of managing educational resources more effectively and efficiently, create a pathway for undergraduate students to complete degrees in three years.

2. **Education and Curriculum workgroup recommendation 4** (pp. 46-48):
   Develop a systemwide academic planning framework that incorporates campus goals within the context of priorities identified for the University as a whole.

3. **Funding Strategies workgroup recommendation 9** (pp. 103-106):
   Allow for the possibility of charging differential tuition by campus, as a means of mitigating potential future enrollment impacts on some campuses.

In May, we will hold a campus forum featuring a panel of UCLA members of the Commission and its workgroups. The date, time and place will be announced by e-mail soon.

Senate committees are also being asked to provide feedback on the recommendations, emphasizing those that are most important to UCLA, and to the mission and constituents of the committees.
The systemwide Academic Council will consider the input received from all ten campuses and the Senate committees at its meetings on May 26 and June 30. Based on those discussions, the Senate will prepare a statement of its opinions for the Regents, who will meet in July to consider the recommendations.

*I encourage you, as a member of the Academic Senate, to read the Commission’s recommendations, discuss them with your colleagues, provide input to your FEC representatives and members of Senate committees, and participate in the April 29 meeting of the Legislative Assembly and the May campus forum. Your opinions are important, and will help shape UCLA’s positions on the Commission’s recommendations.*

Sincerely,

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