William Jacob  
Chair, UC Academic Council

Re:  Systemwide Review of Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaw 55 – Second Review

Dear Bill,

The UCLA Academic Senate’s Executive Board appreciates the opportunity to opine on the proposed revisions to the Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaw 55 that would allow but not require the extension of departmental voting rights on academic appointment and promotion actions to salaried non-Senate faculty colleagues.

At its meeting on April 14, 2014, the Board considered the two alternatives proposed by UC San Diego with input received from the UCLA Council on Academic Personnel (CAP) and the UCLA College Faculty Executive Committee (FEC). The FEC had mixed responses, while CAP had no additional comment. (These responses are available on our Senate web site at http://www.senate.ucla.edu/documents/04-01-14HovdapoReiff_re_Bylaw55NSFvotingrights-General.pdf).

The Executive Board endorsed the proposed amendments to Bylaw 55 to allow departments to extend voting rights to non-Academic Senate faculty. The Executive Board acknowledged that the practice of extending voting rights to specific faculty within a department already occurs at UCLA; however, it noted that it continues to be an area of confusion because it is implemented in different ways within and between each campus. Further, those departments that extend voting privileges may report the votes separately but this is not consistent across departments at UCLA.

Very Sincerely,

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cc:  Martha Kendall Winnacker, Executive Director, Academic Senate  
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