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Susan Cochran
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate


Dear Professor Cochran,

Thank you for providing the Council on Research (COR) with an opportunity to comment on the Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin (BFB) – G-28 Travel Regulations. The Council discussed the revisions at its meeting on January 11, 2017.

The majority of the membership finds the revisions to be straightforward and a welcome expansion of privileges under the existing policy. One member noted that the wording is unclear; e.g., section V.H.2.f says “limited circumstances”, but is vague on what those are. Also, section VI says the chancellor can delegate the approval, but does not say to whom he or she may delegate. The lack of clarity is worth noting because the increase of privileges is something that could be easily abused.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed revisions to the policy. If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at lhavton@mednet.ucla.edu or via the Council’s analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu or x62470.

Sincerely,

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